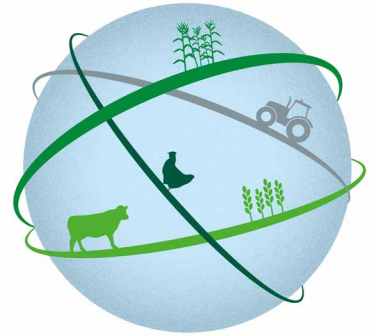




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18th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) “Water. Harvests. Our Future”

Since 2009, the GFFA has taken place every year in Berlin at the same time as the Grüne Woche trade fair. It provides important impetus for the further development of global agri-food policy. The GFFA is a unique platform for networking and dialogue: every year, the approximately 20 public events hosted during the GFFA attract up to 2,000 international actors from politics, civil society, industry and the scientific community. The political highlight of the GFFA is the world's largest Agriculture Ministers' Conference, which brings together around 70 ministers each year for joint discussion and cooperation.

The 2026 GFFA will focus on the issue of water. Water is the basis of all life and of all economic activity. Access to clean water is also inextricably linked to the human right to adequate food. Today, there are already more than two billion people suffering from water stress. This stress is being further exacerbated by climate change, and by the overuse and pollution of water resources. Agriculture is severely affected by climate change and water stress. Agriculture is the world's largest consumer of water, accounting for 72 percent of total use, which is why it plays a key role and can make a major contribution to finding a solution. A growing global population requires more food and potable water. At the same time, water reserves need to be preserved and increased.

The international community has already put water resilience at the top of its global political agenda. The United Nations created momentum for the issue of water by hosting the landmark United Nations Water Conference in 2023. This momentum towards more commitment, efficiency and cooperation in water policies will be taken up by the 2026 GFFA.

Four key topics relating to water will be discussed during the 2026 GFFA:

1. Using water sustainably
2. Strengthening the blue bioeconomy
3. Finding constructive solutions to competing uses
4. Strengthening international water governance



Dear Sir / Madam,

An adequate supply of good-quality water is a key factor for producing food. It is closely linked to realising the right to adequate food. But water scarcity poses a risk to our harvests - not just in countries of the Global South, but also increasingly - at times and in certain regions - in countries in temperate regions such as Germany.

In order to safeguard harvests across the globe, we must work together to protect water resources and strengthen international cooperation. We need solutions that provide effective support to agriculture, as the world's largest consumer of water, so that agriculture can shoulder its particular responsibility to deal sustainably with this existentially important resource. Agrifood policy plays a key role in this respect.

With the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA), I would like to give agriculture and forestry a strong voice - and ensure the topic of water and food security receives the international attention it deserves. My aim is to join forces and ensure farmers' concerns, needs and potential solutions are fed into the international processes.

This raises the following questions: What measures and technical solutions do we need in order to strengthen water resilience in agriculture, forestry and fisheries? What good practices are there? How can we ensure that agriculture - nationally and internationally - is given greater attention in the bodies and organisations dealing with water?

The time to act is now! We are unfortunately a long way from achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for water and food security by 2030. Let us all work together towards these goals!

I would be delighted if you would reserve the date and I could welcome you to the 18th GFFA in Berlin in January 2026.

Best wishes,

Alois Rainer

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity