



Challenges and opportunities on the ground for the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices

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Session aim

- To understand the perspective of growers and industry and explore the challenges and opportunities they face in implementing practices relating to pesticide risk reduction.

Session description

- We have **three experts** who will give their insights into the current factors affecting the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices on specific value chains.
- There will be **6 questions** covering 3 main areas (reducing reliance on pesticides, access and availability of lower risk plant protection products and ensuring proper use of personal protective equipment). Each response will be a maximum **3 mins per question**.
- There will be **30 mins for questions from the room** following the panel discussion



Reducing reliance on pesticides

- Do you think there is a good understanding of the **extent to which pesticides are used** within your sector? If yes, is this through surveys, monitoring schemes etc?
- Do you have **policies or frameworks** that encourage Integrated Pest Management in your sector/industry? To what extent do the policies and frameworks influence farming practices in the region/your sector? What are the **challenges to implementing these policies/approaches** at farm level?

A close-up photograph of two mites on a green leaf. The mite in the foreground is translucent with a yellowish-green body and thin, white legs. The mite in the background is reddish-brown with a more robust body and also has thin, white legs. Both mites are positioned vertically, one above the other.

Access and availability of lower risk plant protection products

- What do you think the **knowledge level relating to using bioprotection products or Integrated Pest Management** is in your sector/industry?
- Do you think **lower risk plant protection products (including biological control agents) are easily accessible by farmers?** Do you think the advice on their use is sufficient?



Ensuring proper use of the selected products

- Who is responsible for **ensuring the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** by farmers while applying pesticides? Are there education and awareness campaigns? Where are the challenges associated with the use of PPE?
- Is there **awareness around how to dispose of plant protection products safely**? Are there mechanisms in place to encourage responsible disposal of used pesticide containers?

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