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OECD and FAO discuss global strategies for a Circular Economy at the Global Food Summit 2020 in Munich

Munich/Berlin, 17. December 2019: *Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, Head and Founder of the Global Food Summit, declares on the participation of representatives of the OECD and the FAO at the Global Food Summit in Munich from 25 to 26 March 2020:*

A world with limited resources needs new economic models. Innovative approaches to a Circular Economy are becoming increasingly established. On a global level, it is above all international organisations that are promoting and advancing this development.

The "Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development" (OECD) and the "Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations" (FAO) will therefore be represented at the Global Food Summit in Munich in March 2020 and will present their strategies for a global recycling economy at our discussion panel on 26 March 2020.

Dr. Oriana Romano will attend the event on behalf of the OECD, Máximo Torero, Deputy Director General, on behalf of FAO.

Dr. Oriana Romano is coordinator of the OECD Programme on the Economics and Governance of Circular Economy in Cities and Regions. The programme is intended to help cities and regions recognise and exploit the potential of Circular Economy (CE). It rests on three pillars: Measuring, learning and sharing. The OECD develops measurable indicators to assess and define CE strategies. The opportunities and challenges of a Circular Economy are then identified. The OECD has already collected information and data from 31 cities and three regions around the world that deal with a Circular Economy at different stages. The OECD is currently engaged in an intensive dialogue with four cities: Valladolid and Granada in Spain, Groningen in the Netherlands and Umea in Sweden.

Máximo Torero is intensively concerned with the sustainability of economic growth, which is closely linked to global food security. The agricultural economist has been Deputy Director General of the FAO in Rome since January 2019 and was previously with the World Bank in Washington. In March 2019, Máximo Torero visited the Global Food Summit in Munich for the first time.

Dr. Oriana Romano and Maximo Torero will both take part at our Global Panel on 26 March 2020 in Session 4: "A Roadmap to a Global Circular Economy".

Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, Head and Founder of the Global Food Summit, on the participation of representatives of the OECD and FAO: "We are very much looking forward to the strong impulses and insights that Oriana Romano and Máximo Torero will bring with them. The OECD and the FAO are both working on important guidelines for sustainable and ecological food production in the future".

The Global Food Summit will take place from 25 to 26 March 2020 in the Munich Residence. [Please register here.](#)

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In growing metropolitan regions, the population expects to be able to age healthily and demands that the sustainability targets for 2030 will be taken into account along the food chain. We can achieve these goals with new methods and technologies, but these will change dramatically what and how we eat. Every year, the Global Food Summit brings together experts from science, industry, associations, politics and the media to discuss how new technologies will affect the way of life. A collaboration of University of California, Berkeley, Wageningen University, Bavarian State Government, Technical University of Munich, National Academy of Science and Engineering and Global Food Summit. The Summit will take place on 25 and 26 March 2020 in the Munich Residence.

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