Farmer-led Irrigation Development (FLI) has gained increased attention by government institutions, development and implementation partners as one of the potential solutions to build climate resilience for smallholder farmers and transform food systems to support healthy diets for all. Furthermore, the knock-on effects of health-related disasters such as the Covid-19 pandemic on market disruptions impacting food and nutrition security, enforces the urgency to increase multiple purpose water access and increase local community resilience.

The question arises on how we can accelerate sustainable scaling of FLI given the challenges of underdeveloped irrigation supply chains, high upfront costs and lack finance/business models, lack or underdeveloped markets and agricultural value chains (especially for high value crops), gender and social inclusion gaps in access to and benefits from FLI, and the limited water resource governance.

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) together with the World Bank, The Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) are hosting a virtual mini-series to discuss key issues and identify a way forward for operationalizing sustainable and inclusive scaling of farmer-led irrigation development. The webinar series is geared towards practitioners, policy makers, private sector and researchers interested in further advancing FLI globally and overcoming the often observed systemic barriers in reaching scale.

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**Session II**

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