

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Partner Event 3

4:30 - 6:00PM

SESSION DESCRIPTION

CONNECTING AGROECOLOGICAL AND INTEGRATED POLICIES IN TIME OF CRISIS

Concept of the Session

In the face of the current global challenges the planet is experiencing, more and more governments are exploring approaches that can substantially contribute to the transformations of our food systems and societies in general. This transformation is urgently needed, made even more pressing by the current health and economic crisis caused by the COVID pandemic. Currently, there are good but rather scattered examples of governments that have been developing conducive and innovative policy instruments aimed at introducing and implementing agroecological and resilience principles.

The main purpose of this partner event is to showcase such good policy practices, illustrating the key role of policy-makers as agents of change when it comes to the long-term and resilient transformation of food and agricultural systems. Our goal is to connect these efforts through [the Food Policy Forum for Change](#) in order to increase learning between policymakers, as well as enriching the discussion on the role and instruments for country-level action to deliver food security and nutrition.

Objectives of the Session

- A deeper understanding of existing approaches and instruments to operationalise agroecological elements at the policy level,
- Exchange of practical knowledge on agroecological policies (e.g. identification of barriers and success factors),
- Connecting existing frameworks available for supporting the policy for agroecological and food systems transformation,
- Increased awareness of the need for redesigning our current food and socioeconomic systems to include resilience on a long term by applying agroecological principles in policymaking.

Moderator: *Frank Eyhorn, Executive Director, Biovision*

We welcome the following speakers and panellists:

- **Dr. Maria Tekülve (tbc)**, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- **Pio Wennubst**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO/IFAD/WFP
- **Dr. Papa Abdoulaye Seck**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal to FAO/IFAD/WFP
- **Dr. Vijay Kumar**, Head of Department of Natural Farming, Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Emma Siliprandi**, FAO Scaling Up Agroecology Initiative Team Leader
- **Louise Lutikholt**, Executive Director, IFOAM – Organics International
- **Aline Boy**, Deputy head of agroecology project, French Ministry of agriculture and food

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Simultaneous interpretation in French, English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Russian will be provided.