

Policy debate on

Agroecology

20 March 2018

12.30-14.30 European Parliament (5E1)

Opportunities and challenges for European development policy

PROGRAMME

Interpretation will be available in EN/FR/DE.

A light lunch will be served.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for a transformation of food and agriculture systems. The scale of change needed is ambitious. Agroecology could significantly contribute to this transition and in reaching SDG 2 to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Building on the recent commitment of the European Union and its Member States to support agroecology, further discussions on how this approach could be fostered by development cooperation is still needed.

You are cordially invited to participate in a round table debate on

Agroecology:

Opportunities and challenges for European development policy

hosted by MEP Maria Heubuch, The Greens/EFA

and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations

under the auspices of the European Parliamentary Alliance on the Fight Against Hunger, coordinated by MEP Paolo De Castro

with the participation of the European Commission

This event takes place in the run-up to the Second International Symposium on “Scaling Up Agroecology” that will be held by FAO in early April 2018.



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Agenda

The debate will be facilitated and introduced by Emile FRISON, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES Food).

1. Welcoming remarks by the Parliamentary Alliance in the Fight Against Hunger

MEP Maria HEUBUCH, *Member of the Development Committee*

MEP Bogdan Brunon WENTA, *Member of the Development Committee*

2. Definition of agroecology and opportunities

Emile FRISON, *IPES Food*

Caterina BATELLO, *Team Leader Ecosystem Management and Agroecology*, and

Roberto RIDOLFI, *Special Advisor on Strategy and Financing Development*, FAO

Michel PIMBERT, *Executive Director*, Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University

3. Supporting the transition towards agroecology - challenges for practitioners and the enabling policy environment

Ibrahima COULIBALY, *President*, Coordination Nationale des Organisations Paysannes et Vice-President, Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest

Leonard MIZZI, *Acting Director - Planet and Prosperity*, European Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)

Sébastien SUBSOL, *Head of Unit for Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture*, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

Stefan SCHMITZ, *Head of Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Rural Development*, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

4. Moderated discussion with the floor and conclusion

What will EU stakeholders contribute to the International Symposium on Agroecology?

What can we do to advance the Agroecology agenda?

Closing Remarks by MEP Paolo de Castro, *Vice-Chair of the Agriculture Committee and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Alliance Fight against Hunger*

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