

# International Symposium on Agroecology for Food and Nutrition Security in Rome

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## AGENDA:

### Day 1 Morning: Scientific Knowledge

9:00-09:30 Introductory Speech

9:30. **Keynote Speaker (20'+10'):** Overview of the landscape of agroecology

10:15. **Plenary Speakers, addressing the ecological, economic and social dimensions of Agroecology through the lens of:**

- **10:15. Plenary 1. 20'+10'. Enhancing the function and provisioning of ecosystem services in agriculture: agroecological principles**
- **10.45. Discussion. 20'**
- **11:05. Plenary 2. 20'+10'. People managing landscapes and watersheds: agroecology and social processes**
- **11.35. Plenary 3. 20'+10'. Creating virtuous cycles through agroecology**
- **12.05. Discussion 20'**

12:25 Lunch

### Day 1 Afternoon

13:30 Building blocks of Agroecology (Parallel sessions)- (20'+10' each)

	<b>Ecological Approaches</b>	<b>Building Synergies</b>	<b>People and Economics</b>
13:30-14:00	Conception and Engineering of Cropping Systems	Resilience and Agroecology	Building natural capital through agroecology: (longer term perspectives)
14:00-14:30	Closing the Nitrogen Cycle	Participatory Research and Agroecological Models of Extension	Building Markets to support Agroecology
14:30-15:00	Alternatives to External Inputs	An Agroecological Approach to Water Scarcity	Agroecology and Employment
15:00-15:30	Agroecological approaches to breeding	Agroecology and Energy	Diverse Farming Systems, Diverse Diets

16:00-16:30	Soil Health	Agroforestry	Building Social Capital through Agroecology
16:30-17:00	Entomological Diversity including Pollinators	Integration with Livestock	Local knowledge and learning processes
17:00-17:30	Above and Below ground AgroBiodiversity	Food chains and food systems (Including Fisheries)	Gender

17:45 – 19:00. Poster session (tbc)

19:00 Welcome Reception (tbc)

20:00 End of day 1

### Day 2 Morning: Country Experiences/Innovations

08:30 – 10:15 Agroecology in Practice (Parallel Sessions)

Time	TOPIC	TOPIC
08:30 - 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexico (CEDICAM) (<i>soil cover management and crop selection</i>)</li> <li>• Colombia (El Dovio) (<i>strategies for ecological restoration through science and traditions</i>)</li> <li>• Brazil (ASA Semi-Arid articulation) (<i>water harvesting</i>)</li> <li>• USA (PolyFace Farm) (<i>crop/livestock and nutrient cycling</i>)</li> <li>• Australia/USA/Canada/Italy</li> <li>• France <i>Innovations for agroecology (TBD)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benin (Songhai) (<i>integrated production systems</i>)</li> <li>• Thailand (<i>rice systems and food chain for improved nutrition</i>)</li> <li>• South Africa Pollinators (<i>landscape level management for ecosystem services</i>)</li> <li>• Egypt (SEKEM) (<i>engineering of cropping systems by a private company</i>)</li> <li>• India/Indonesia (TBC)</li> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>

Two parallel sessions from all regions of the world. Short presentations and interactive discussion. Exact contributions tbc.

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 Debate on the Challenges in Implementing the Transition (Parallel Debates)  
5 participants and one facilitator in each session in a moderated debate (1 hour) about the key challenges

Time	TOPIC	TOPIC
10:30 - 12:30	Ecological Processes for Sustainable Agricultural Production	Health and Nutrition Security through Agroecology

12:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Reporting on the Outcomes of the Debate by the Rapporteurs

14:00 – 15:00 Discussion on The Way Forward: Panel on how to move forward after the conference (panel tbd).

4-5 Participants and one facilitator. Participants present their organizations' way forward and invite participants to join existing initiatives. Including interactive discussions.

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 18:00 High-level Segments on Agroecology

- **Plenary. Statement by France Minister of Agriculture, Agrifood and Forestry**
- **Plenary. Statement on Agroecology (Minister tbc)**
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- **Plenary. Director General of FAO**