



SIDE EVENTS

Organized during the Sixteenth Regular Session of
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Agriculture

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Monday, 30 January 2017

Country reports for the State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture – experiences, outcomes and the way forward

Venue and time: Iran room (B-116); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizers: Norwegian Genetic Resource Centre, Norway; Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands; Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon

Three countries will present their experiences from the preparation of the country report and point out their main outcomes. The presentations will briefly present the status and trends on use and conservation of biodiversity for food and agriculture with special focus on associated biodiversity, ecosystem services and wild foods. The challenge in approaching function(s) of and interactions between the components of biodiversity for food and agriculture in different production systems will be addressed. Experiences from reporting on a part of the biodiversity that up to now hardly has been addressed by agricultural authorities will be shared. A discussion on how to follow up the work on BFA will round off the side event.

Speakers:

- Nina Sæther, Director Norwegian Genetic Resource Centre, Norway
- Julie Belanger, CGRFA secretariat, FAO
- Lamis Chalak, Head of Plant Production Department, Faculty of Agriculture, The Lebanese University; Head of the National Committee for Plant Genetic Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon
- Martin Brink, Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands (CGN), Wageningen University & Research, on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands

Chair:

- Inge Nordang, Norway's Ambassador to FAO

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Venue and time: Iran room (B-116); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizers: Government of France and FAO Animal Production and Genetic Resources Unit

The objective of the side event will be to inform CGRFRA16 participants about the Second Report, which was approved by CGFRA15. FAO will present a summary of the contents and main conclusions of the Second Report, and National Coordinators (NC) for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources from several countries will discuss both their input to the document and activities being undertaken nationally that coincide with the conclusions and recommendations of the Second Report.

Speakers:

- Beate Scherf, FAO
- Nina Saether, NC-Norway
- Kalaya Boonyanuwat, NC-Thailand
- Harvey Blackburn, NC-United States of America



- Daniel Semambo, NC-Uganda
- Eleonore Charvolin, Alternate NC- France

Chair:

- Lorraine Puzin, NC, Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood and Forestry, France

Preparing for the Seventh Session of the Governing Body: 2017 Outlook

Venue and time: Austria room (C-237); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizer: Secretariat of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

GB-7 will be held in Oct/Nov 2017. The side event will provide an outlook on preparation for this important session of the Governing Body. The Governing Body will have to take a number of measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System for ABS, the Funding Strategy and the Global Information System.

Speakers:

- Javad Mozafari, Co-Chair MLS enhancement
- Bert Visser, Co-Chair MLS enhancement

Chair:

- Muhamad Sabran, GB-7 Chair (TBC)

Biodiversity and agroecology: the Agroecology Knowledge Hub

Venue and time: Iran room (B-116); 18:15 – 19:45

Organizer: Plant Production and Protection Division, Ecosystem Approach to Crop Production Intensification, FAO

The recently developed Agroecology knowledge hub contains scientific information, best practices and policy information related to the role of agroecology in diversifying agricultural systems and landscapes, building resilience to climate change, increasing soil health and fertility and optimizing maintenance and use of biodiversity in agricultural systems. The transition from uniformity to diversity of systems through agroecology will be discussed.

Speakers:

- Jane Maland Cady, Director Mc. Knight Foundation (connected by Video)
- Emile Frison
- Parviz Koochafkan
- Dezsény Zoltan



Wednesday, 01 February 2017

Strengthening women's capacity in biodiversity and nutrition through farmer field schools

Venue and time: Iran room (B-116); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizers: Oxfam, the Netherlands

The Sowing Diversity = Harvesting Security (SD=HS) program aims to improve resilience and nutrition security of smallholder farmers and indigenous communities in the face of climate change by strengthening their management, development and access to biodiversity. At this side event, we will present findings from SD=HS studies on the nature and magnitude of seasonal hunger periods in Zimbabwe, Vietnam, and Peru. Farmer Field Schools are used to optimize utilization of biodiversity for household food and nutrition security by building on traditional knowledge. Using participatory tools, the programme assessed the role of biodiversity for farmers and in particular neglected and underutilized species (NUS) to diversify the diet and as a coping mechanism during the hunger period. Identified barriers to the full utilization of these species call for both community-based and (inter)national interventions.

Speakers:

- Ms Sanne Bakker, Policy Advisor Nutrition, Oxfam, the Netherlands
- Ms Jessica Raneri, Nutrition Research Specialist, Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems Initiative, Bioversity International
- Ms Carolina Starr, Consultant on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services, FAO
- Ms. Svahild-Isabelle Batta Torheim, Senior Advisor, Department of Forest and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway

Chair:

- Gigi Manicad, Senior Programme Manager, Oxfam, the Netherlands

Access and Benefit-Sharing of animal genetic resources: Community protocols and other perspectives

Venue and time: Austria room (C-237); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizer: League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP)

Pastoralists provide important agro-ecosystem services, creating and managing not only a crucial part of domestic animal diversity, but also of forage and plant diversity. They produce food, especially protein, without any of the usual agricultural inputs (fuel, chemical fertilizer, pesticides, machinery) and without even tilling the soil. In countries such as India they are crucial providers of organic manure. Unfortunately this function has remained unrecognized, but Community Protocols under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing are making this role of pastoralism increasingly visible. The presentations will highlight a landscape approach to conserving domestic animal diversity, the existing experiences with community protocols of pastoralist communities about the biodiversity they create and manage, as well as national obligations with respect to Access and Benefit-Sharing of animal genetic resources.

Speakers:

- Toby Hodgkin and Dunja Mijatovic, Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research
- Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, LPP
- Hartmut Meyer, ABS Capacity Building Initiative

Chair:

- François Pythoud, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP



Thursday, 02 February 2017

The multiple benefits of realising Farmers' Rights

Venue and time: Iran room (B-116); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizers: Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway; Indonesian Center for Agricultural Biotechnology and Genetic Resources Research and Development (ICABIOGRAD) - Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development - Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia; Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

The side event will present the Co-chairs' summary of recommendations from the global consultation on Farmers' Rights in Bali, Indonesia 27-30 September 2016. The consultation was organised by Norway and Indonesia with facilitation by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. It brought together 95 participants from 37 countries from Africa, Asia, the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, South West Pacific, Europe, representing farmers, and farmers' organizations, NGOs, IGOs, officials from the Contracting Parties, seed industry organizations, UPOV Secretariat, researchers and academia professors. It was co-chaired by Dr Regine Andersen from Norway and Dr Carlos Correa from Argentina, addressing the following main questions: (i) why Farmers' Rights matter, (ii) what are the different challenges for realization of Farmers' Rights; and (iii) possible ways of further strengthening the realization of Farmers' Rights.

Speakers:

- Kent Nnadozie, Secretary Ad-Interim, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- Svanhild-Isabelle Batta Torheim, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway
- Dr Muhamad Sabran, Indonesian Center for Agricultural Biotechnology and Genetic Resources Research and Development (ICABIOGRAD)-Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development-Ministry of Agriculture

Chair:

- Margot Skarpeteig, Counsellor to FAO, WFP, IFAD, Norway

News from the CGIAR System

Venue and time: Austria room (C-237); 13:15 – 14:45

Organizer: Bioversity International on behalf of the CGIAR System Organization

Speakers will provide information about the reformed CGIAR system, including the new structure, governance mechanisms, research programs, and impact measurement and monitoring.

Speakers:

- **Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International, Italy; Member of CGIAR System Management Board**
- **Charlotte Lusty, Global Crop Diversity Trust, Germany**
- **Leslie Lipper, Executive Director, Independent Science and Partnerships Council**

Chair:

- Michael Halewood, Senior Scientist, Bioversity International, Italy

