

SIDE EVENT

AGROBIODIVERSITY IN A MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT

2ND INTERNATIONAL AGROBIODIVERSITY CONGRESS

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021

18.00 - 19.00 CET (ROME TIME)

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18.00 OPENING REMARKS & MODERATION

Giorgio Grussu

Project Coordinator, FAO
Mountain Partnership Secretariat

The food we eat and the way we produce it has an impact on both human and planetary health. Agriculture as we know it contributes to a third of anthropogenic global greenhouse gas emissions.

As of today, 75 percent of agricultural crop varieties have disappeared, and three quarters of the world's food comes from just 12 plant species and 5 animal species. This dependence on a limited number of varieties carries many risks for humankind, particularly in the face of climate change as it limits the adaptation capacity of farmers.

18.05 PANEL DISCUSSION

Edith Martinez Guerra

Technical Project Manager,
Fundación Pasos

This is even more evident in mountain areas, where smallholder farmers have built their resilience over centuries on a richness of agrobiodiversity. This traditional scheme is quickly disappearing as farmers abandon traditional crops to grow more productive commercial varieties.

Fausto Jori

CEO, NaturaSi

Louise Lutikholt

Executive Director, IFOAM -
Organics International

Enhancing agrobiodiversity can help improve human nutrition, human health and the health of ecosystems as well as make agriculture more sustainable and resilient to climate change. This event aims to explore the potential of preserving and increasing agrobiodiversity, as well as creating ecological niches in agricultural production areas to strengthen livelihoods without decreasing productivity.

Paolo di Croce

Secretary General, Slow Food

18.45 Q&A SESSION

Interventions from the floor

Speakers will share experiences in promoting positive interactions between what is grown for production purposes and the natural life forms present in the agroecosystem, with a particular focus on mountain areas.

18.55 CLOSING REMARKS

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