

Soils and pulses: symbiosis for life

A contribution to the 2030 Agenda

Tuesday, 19 April 2016 – Rome, FAO HQ – Sheikh Zayed Center (9.30-13.00)

Registration (09.30)

Opening (09.45-10.00)

- ✓ H.E. Pierfrancesco Sacco, PR Italy.
- ✓ Ren Wang, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, (AG), FAO.
- ✓ Richard China, Director External Engagement, Bioversity International.

The International Year of Pulses in action (10.00-10.15)

- ✓ H.E. Nadeem Riyaz, PR of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Co-Chair of the IYP Steering Committee.
- ✓ H.E. Aydin Adnan Sezgin, PR of the Republic of Turkey, Co-Chair of the IYP Steering Committee.

Keynote speaker (10.15-10.30)

- ✓ Mahmoud Solh, Director General, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, ICARDA.
(*joining live from Marrakech*)

Moderator: Marcela Villareal, Director, Partnership, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division, FAO.

Session 1 – Encouraging the production of pulses to improve soil health (10.30-11.00)

- ✓ “*Soils and pulses: why a symbiosis for life?*”. Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division (AGL), FAO.
- ✓ “*Using pulse diversity to manage pests and diseases*” Paola De Santis, Agricultural Ecosystems Researcher, Productive and Resilient Farms, Forests and Landscapes Initiative, Bioversity International.
- ✓ “*Pulse crops for sustainable production intensification*”. Michele Pisante, Deputy Commissioner, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, CREA.

Open discussion (11.00-11.15)

International Year of Pulses – video will be shown.

Session 2 – Pulses consumption for economic, social and human well-being (11.20 – 11.50)

- ✓ “*The sustainability of pulses into the food chain: the experience of Conserve Italia*” Claudio Pennucci, Head of Production and Agricultural Service, Horticultural sector, Conserve Italia Soc.Coop.Agr.
- ✓ “*Lessons learned in Malawi*”. Federica Servili, Food Security Expert Link 2007 - International Committee for the Development of Peoples - CISP.
- ✓ “*Policy solutions for a healthier diet*”. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO
(*video message*).

Open discussion (11.50 – 12.05)

Session 3 – How to develop good practices and policy solutions in view to contributing to Agenda 2030 implementation? (12.05 - 12.35)

- ✓ “*How pulses can help lift people out of rural poverty*” Graziella Romito, Head of International Relations and EU SCA Unit – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies - MiPAAF.
- ✓ “*Food systems transformation: what is the role of pulses in the sustainability challenge?*” Massimo Iannetta, Head of Biotechnologies and Agroindustry Division, ENEA.
- ✓ “*The contribution of smallholder farmers to the Agenda 2030*”. Wafaa El-Khoury, Lead Technical Specialist – Agronomy, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD.

Open discussion (12.35 –12.50)

Conclusions

- ✓ Andrea Olivero, Italian Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies – MiPAAF.

Refreshment will be served (13.00)

Organization: Permanent Representation of Italy to UN – Rome, FAO, Bioversity International.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from Italian into English
