



INVITATION

AGROECOLOGY, A PATH TO THE FUTURE

Wednesday, June 19, 2013. 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
FAO headquarters Rome – Iran Room (B016)

"The challenge is to place food production and consumption on a truly sustainable footing." (Save and Grow)

José Graziano Da Silva

Director-General Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

To feed a rapidly growing world population, there is no choice but to increase crop yields. However, farmers are facing unprecedented constraints, requiring that they learn to produce differently so as to reconcile economic and environmental performance.

Agroecology is a way of conceiving production systems which rely on the functionalities provided by ecosystems while protecting them.

Agroecology amplifies these functionalities while aiming at reducing pressures on the environment (e.g.: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, limiting the use of chemicals...) and protecting natural resources. This entails maximising the use of natural resources as productive factors while preserving their renewal capacities.

On behalf of the Algerian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and of the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-food and Forestry, we are pleased to invite you to participate in this brainstorming session to exchange around agroecology potential and the way to mobilize it.

A buffet with refreshments will be served prior to the event.

Session Agenda

- ▶ **Welcoming**
M. Clayton Campanhola, Director of FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division
- ▶ **Introduction**
M. Idir Baïs – Director of studies, Ministry of Agriculture and rural development, Algeria
- ▶ **Agroecology, new concepts and new transformations of agriculture**
M. Etienne Hainzelin – Advisor to the Director General of the International Centre for agronomic research for development (CIRAD), France
- ▶ **The systemic approach in oasis environment**
Dr Fattoum LAKHDARI - Director of the Centre of scientific research and technical of arid regions (CRSTRA) - Biskra, Algeria
- ▶ **Presentation of the FAO's guide to the sustainable intensification of smallholder crop production, "Save and grow".**
M^{me} Caterina Batello, Senior Officer of FAO's, Department of Agriculture and Consumers' Protection
- **Discussion**
- **Closing remarks**

The Panel will be moderated by **Philippe Vinçon**, head of International Relations Department, Ministry of Agriculture, agri-food and forestry, France

In English, French and Spanish

