

FAO Conference
Thirty-eighth Session

Improving the Sustainability of Food Systems

A side-event convened by the FAO-UNEP Sustainable Food Systems Programme, and supported by the Government of Switzerland

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Iran Room

13h00 – 14h30

The Side Event is made as a contribution to the follow up of the Rio+20 outcomes, to the Zero Hunger Challenge and to the 2015- Post Development Agenda.

The FAO-UNEP *Sustainable Food Systems Programme*, with the support of the Government of Switzerland, has been established in 2011, within the broader scope of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) with the aim to improve resource use efficiency and reduce the pollution intensity of food systems from production to consumption, while at the same time addressing issues of food and nutrition security. In 2012, at Rio+20 Conference, a 10Year Framework of Programmes on SCP was adopted.

While food production needs to increase to meet a growing global population, food systems rely on resources which are becoming ever more fragile and scarce. Therefore, all food systems worldwide have to face the same challenge to become more efficient and more sustainably productive in their use of these resources, at every stage, from primary production to transformation and consumption.

The discussions at this Side Event aim to raise a broader common understanding on the issues at stake related to improving the sustainability of the food systems.

Agenda

13:00 – 13.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ren Wang, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department , FAO,
Bernard Lehmann, Secretary of State, Federal Office of Agriculture, Government of Switzerland

13:30 – 13:45 Presentation of the FAO-UNEP Sustainable Food Systems Programme

Fanny Demassieux Coordinator - Resource Efficiency Sub-programme
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13.45 – 14:20 Open the floor to questions and / or comments on two main following issues:

- What are the key challenges you are facing in your specific food systems and countries?
- how can we make this Programme work for all stakeholders in supporting the shift to SCP food patterns?

14.20-14.30 Wrap up and conclusion

Interpretation services will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

An organic refreshment will be served from 12.30 to 13.00