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Biodiversity for food and agriculture is among the earth's most important resources. Thousands of species and their genetic variability make up the web of life and are indispensable to adapt agriculture and food production to new conditions, including climate change.

Key findings from FAO's first report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* and the *IPBES Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* both published early 2019 will be presented and followed by a discussion on how these insights can lead to action at national, regional and global levels. The dialogue will contribute to ongoing processes, including the development of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

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Programme

- 17:30 – 17:35** **Opening remarks**
Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Climate and Natural Resources (FAO)
- 17:35 – 17:50** **Key findings of The State of World's Biodiversity for Food and agriculture**
Ms Julie Bélanger, Coordinator of the State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)
- 17:50 – 18:05** **The Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services**
Ms Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- 18:05 – 18:20** **The way forward for Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture**
H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Hossein Emadi, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran
H.E. Ambassador Delphine Borione, Permanent Representative of France
Mr Stephan Weise, Deputy Director General-Research, Bioversity International
- 18:20 – 18:40** **Q&A session**
- 18:40 – 18:45** **Closing remarks**
H.E. Ambassador François Pythoud, Permanent Representative of Switzerland/
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