

Transforming Food Systems through Agroecology: Learning from Evidence

July 6th, 2:00-3:30 pm CEST

UNFSS Side Event

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/8qKE8pRgwWZ8GKZNA>

Topic and Themes

In various UNFSS Action Tracks and Food System Dialogues, agroecology emerged strongly as a key concept for inclusive food systems transformation by fostering the diversity of knowledge systems, ecosystems and nutrition. There is increasing evidence that agroecology is a powerful strategy to reduce trade-offs between productivity and sustainability, and achieve market-driven compensation for positive externalities. One of its central characteristics is diversity. Although results are mixed and further research is needed, a positive relation between agricultural diversification and diversified diets, is true for many different farming systems. This side event aims to share knowledge and evidence on agroecology, and to identify and discuss knowledge and implementation gaps. Potential pathways and changes in framework conditions to foster diversity in knowledge systems, ecosystems and nutrition to allow for a sustainable food systems transformation will be discussed.

Speakers

- **Moderation: Ann Tutwiler**, Senior Advisor, Just Rural Transition and Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute
- **Emma Siliprandi**, Agriculture Officer, Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- **Urs Niggli**, President, agroecology.science and member of the Swiss National FAO Committee
- **World Food Forum** (Youth group)
- **Rachel Bezner Kerr**, Professor, Department of Global Development, Cornell University
- **Mamadou Goïta**, Executive Director, Institute for Research and Promotion of Alternatives in Development (IRPAD)
- **Fabrice De Clerck**, Senior Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (CGIAR)
- **Martijn Sonneveld**, Executive Director, World Food System, ETH Zurich and President of the Swiss National FAO Committee

Format

The event will feature short keynotes to provide the evidence base and key characteristics of agroecological approaches, followed by two interactive panels that will discuss practical examples, evidence gaps and opportunities. Youth representatives will provide a future-oriented perspective. The key conclusions and potential ways forward will be summarized after the debate.



Lead Organizations

- Swiss national FAO Committee (CNS-FAO)
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- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- L'Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI)