**Webinar on applying agroecology in IFAD operations**

Thursday, 3 October 2019  
11:00-12:30 CET

Mixed cropping, using ‘weed’ crops to attract predators and cultivating resilient local breeds - these are all examples of agroecology in action. Agroecology refers to the application of ecological science and principles to the study, design and management of sustainable agricultural ecosystems.

This webinar will present the concept and benefits of agroecology and share experiences of how it has been successfully applied in two IFAD-funded projects:

- Family Farming Development Programme in Maradi, Tahoua and Zinder Regions (ProDAF), Niger
- Agricultural Services Programme for Innovation, Resilience and Extension (ASPIRE), Cambodia

Issues for discussion include: How can agroecology help farmers become economically resilient? What proven-practices exist that can help smallholder farmers overcome poverty?

**Speakers**

Emile A. Frison (former Director General of Bioversity International)  
Emma Siliprandi (FAO)  
Rikke Grand Olivera (IFAD)  
Sebastien Subsol (IFAD)  
Karan Sehgal (IFAD)

**Agenda**

11:00 – 11:05  
**Introduction**

11:05 – 11:25  
**Agroecology**: Framework, upscaling initiative, concept, business cases and cost-benefits

11:25 – 11:35  
**Applying agroecology in IFAD operations: A stock take**

11:35 – 12:05  
IFAD experiences with agroecology  
• ProDAF, Niger  
• ASPIRE, Cambodia

12:05 – 12:30  
**Discussion**