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The Farmers' Forum

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Thematic: The Climakers: a Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda



Side Event organized by WFO – World Farmers' Organization

*Tuesday 11 February 2020 from 9am to 10.30am
IFAD HQ, Italian room*

Introduction

Farmers hold the solutions to combat climate change. No other economic sector is impacted by the effects of the changing climate more than agriculture, but no other economic actor worldwide can do as much as farmers can to fight climate change.

The Climakers is a Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda that proposes a reversed approach in fighting climate change where farmers drive the solutions to tackle climate change.

The Climakers Agenda is based on the promotion of best practices that farmers are already implementing as practical solutions to mitigate and adapt to the climate change. These best practices that are collected through an authentic bottom up approach from the farmers will be proposed to the Governments with practical guidance on how to include them in the National Determined Contribution, NDCs, for the implementation of Paris Agreement, to be scaled up or replicated in different areas.

The proposed solutions are scientifically assessed by the Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture, CCAFS, programme of the CGIAR.

Farmers deserve to be at the center of the decision-making process on agriculture, at local, national and international levels, and they are ready and willing to fulfil this critical role. However, farmers also rely on the political, technical and financial support of other stakeholders in the agricultural

sector. To this extent, the Climakers foresees a global alliance of Farmers' Organizations first and then with other members of the sector.

The Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda is very ambitious, and its success depends on the Climakers Alliance.

The Climakers



Focus of the Side event

Conceived in the framework of the FAFO, as a gathering of Farmers, WFO event will bring together farmers representatives of the Climakers' Alliance carrying their own experience in the initiative and in the fight against climate change.

The side event will focus on the political action plan of the Climakers, presenting objectives, expected outcomes and achieved results of the first year of activities of the Alliance. The first two Regional workshops held in the Caribbean and Europe in 2019 will be presented by the Regional Members of the Alliance giving voice to the needs and solutions of their farmers.

The event will feature the presentation "Stories from the field – Vol. I" as the first collection of best practices resulted from the data gathering of the Climakers.

Agenda

9.00 – 9.10 - The rationale behind the Farmers' Driven Climate Change Agenda, The Climakers - Theo De Jager, President, World Farmers' Organization, WFO

9.10 – 9.20 - PAFO joining the Alliance - Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Pan African Farmers Organisation, PAFO

9.20 - 9.30 - Reflections on Climate Change impact in Southern Africa and the role of Farmers as solution providers to it. Ishmael Sunga, Executive Director, SACAU

9.30 – 9.40 – Reflections on Climate Change impact in Eastern Africa and the role of Farmers as solution providers to it. Stephen Muchiri, CEO, Eastern African Farmers Federation, EAFF

9.40 - 9.50 - Reflections on Climate Change impact in Northern Africa and the role of Farmers as solution providers to it. Abdelmajid Ezzar, Union Maghrebine et Nord Africaine des Agriculteurs, UMNAGRI.

9.50 – 10.15 - The regional workshops:

- The Caribbean region: Errington Thomson, President, AACARI

- The European region: Jannes Maes, President, European Council of Young Farmers, CEJA

10.15 – 10.30: Q&A: Debate with audience

Speakers - Moderators

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Moderator: Arianna Giuliodori, Secretary General, WFO

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