



What is biodiversity mainstreaming across agricultural sectors and why is it needed?

Tuesday, 2 October, 2018, Iraq Room – FAO HQ, 18.15 – 19.45

A reception with a selection of Bio-Lazio finger-food will follow the event

If we are to achieve the ambitious objectives established by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), more people must be aware of the need to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity for the benefit of our food systems and ecosystem services. **This requires biodiversity to be mainstreamed across agricultural sectors and markets, including crops, livestock, forestry, agroforestry, fisheries and aquaculture.** Biodiversity mainstreaming is part of a much needed "paradigm shift" where agricultural systems of the future will have to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and manage natural resources sustainably.

Against this background, this event, jointly organized by **FAO – Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platform, Bioversity International and the Food Forever Initiative**, will discuss the need for biodiversity to be integrated across agricultural sectors in relation to the broader 2030 Agenda, specifically SDG2: Ending Hunger. Participants will also gain a better understanding of today's key challenge: **how to increase production to meet the growing demand for food, feed and bioenergy, while conserving biodiversity and reducing the pressure on natural resources and ecosystems.**

Moderator and Closing Remarks: Mr René Castro-Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Department of Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water, FAO

Panel:

- H.E. Hans Hoogeveen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture
- Ms Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International
- Ms Claudia Laricchia, Head of Institutional Relations and Global Strategic Partnerships, Future Food Institute
- Ms Chukki Nanjundaswamy, Working President, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (farmers' organization), India
- Mr Liu Moucheng, Associate Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- Ms Marieta Sakalian, Senior Programme Management Officer, Coordinator, Ecosystems Services Programme, UN Environment

Languages: English, Spanish and French.