Third Conference of the World Banana Forum

Working together for sustainable production and trade

8 - 9 November 2017 | Side events on 7 and 10 November

AGENDA

Tuesday 7 November (side event – upon invitation)
09:00 – 16:00  Multi-stakeholder meeting on Gender Equity in the Banana Industry
Genève room, Centre de Conférence de Varembé (CCV)

Wednesday 8 November
Conference of the World Banana Forum (WBF)
Room 2, International Conference Centre (CICG)

8:30  Registration of participants
9:10 Inaugural speech by Renwick Rose, Chairperson, Executive Board of the World Banana Forum (WBF)
9:15 Welcome speech by Dominique Kohli, Assistant Director, Federal Department of Economy, Training and Research, Federal Office of Agriculture of Switzerland (FOAG)
9:20 Opening remarks by Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director-General for Policy, International Labour Organization (ILO)
9:30 Conclusions of the multi-stakeholder strategy meeting on Gender Equity in the Banana Industry

SESSION 1

9:45 Panel discussion: People at work

Opening remarks: Alette van Leur, Director, Sectoral Policies Department, International Labour Organization - ILO

Moderator: Sue Longley, Secretary General, International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Associations – IUF (Switzerland)

Panellists:
- George Kporye, Corporate Affairs & Administration Manager, Golden Exotics LTD (Ghana)
- Minister Raul Clemente Ledesma Huerta, Minister of Labour, Ecuadorian Government (Ecuador)
- Alette van Leur, Director, Sectoral Policies Department, International Labour Organization - ILO

www.fao.org/wbf
• Magne Svartbekk, CSR Director, Bama Gruppen AS (Norway)
• Adela Torres, General Secretary, National Trade Union of the Agricultural Industry - SINTRAINAGRO (Colombia)
• Guillaume Tossa, Coordinator of the IUF Regional African Banana Workers Network (Benin)
• Marco Tulio Calvo, Assistant to the Director General, Colombian Banana Producing Association - AUGURA (Colombia)

Topics
- Gender issues
- Labour rights and decent work
- Health and safety

11:20 Break
11:30 Open discussion with all participants
12:00 Looking ahead: priorities and key opportunities for People at work

12:15 Lunch break

SESSION 2

13:15 Panel discussion: Sustainability: the global perspective and challenges in a changing climate

Opening remarks: Inge van den Bergh, Scientist and ProMusa Coordinator, Bioversity International

Moderator: Jeroen Kroezen, Head of Sustainable Tea, Coffee, Cocoa & Fruit Department, Solidaridad (Netherlands)

Panellists:
• Inge van den Bergh, Scientist and ProMusa Coordinator, Bioversity International
• Gustavo Gandini, Director of Organic Agriculture, Biodiversity and Environment, Ecological Bananas Association of the Northwest Line- BANELINO (Dominican Republic)
• Jan 't Lam, Markets Transformation Global Fruit lead, The Rainforest Alliance (United States)
• Thierry Lescot, Agronomist Researcher, French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development - CIRAD (France)
• Alain Normand, Head of Agronomy, R&D, Compagnie Fruitière (France)
• Luis Pocasangre, Director of Research, Professor of Tropical Crops, Earth University (Costa Rica)
• Manfred Pülm, Quality Manager, Greenyard (Germany)

Topics
- Soil and land management
- Pesticide management and use
- Biodiversity conservation

15:05 Break
15:15 Open discussion with all participants

www.fao.org/wbf
15:45 Looking ahead: priorities and key opportunities for Sustainability: the global perspective and challenges in a changing climate

16:00 Panel discussion: Compete and collaborate: Global collaboration in the WBF

Opening remarks: George Jaksch, Chair of the board, Biodiversity Partnership Mesoamerica - BPM (Costa Rica)

Moderator: Katie Knaggs, Head of Sustainability, International Procurement and Logistics – IPL (United Kingdom)

Panellists:
- Michelle Bhattacharyya, Coordinator, Global Living Wage Coalition - GLWC (United States)
- Andrew Biles, CEO, Chiquita Brands International (United States)
- George Jaksch, Chair of the board, Biodiversity Partnership Mesoamerica - BPM (Costa Rica)
- Alexandra Kessler, Project Coordinator, Action Alliance for Sustainable Bananas – ABNB/CSCP (Germany)
- Xavier Roussel, Vice President Marketing and Sustainability, Dole Food Company (United States)
- Adwoa Sakyi, Regional Coordinator for Africa, International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations - IUF (Ghana)
- Luis Suarez, Executive Secretary, Fair trade National Coordination of Peru - CNCJ (Peru)

Topics
- Collaborative research
- National collaboration with international platforms
- Public-private collaboration

17:45 Open discussion with all participants
18:15 Looking ahead: priorities and key opportunities for Compete and collaborate: Global collaboration in the WBF

18:30 Close
Reception & networking event offered by the Federal Office of Agriculture of Switzerland – FOAG

Thursday 9 November
Conference of the World Banana Forum (WBF)
Room 2, International Conference Centre (CICG)

SESSION 3

09:00 Panel discussion: Future of bananas: Managing the risks of Fusarium wilt TR4

Opening remarks: Stewart Lindsay, Team Leader - Banana Production Systems, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland (Australia)
Moderator: Luud Clercx, Coordinator, WBF Task Force on TR4 (Netherlands/AgroFair)

Panellists:
- Koronado Apuzen, Executive Director, Farmcoop (Philippines)
- Stewart Lindsay, Team Leader - Banana Production Systems, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland (Australia)
- José Madriz, Market and Production Coordinator for bananas, fresh fruits and flowers, Latin American and Caribbean Network of Fair Trade Small Producers and Workers – CLAC (El Salvador)
- Enrique Uribe, Technical Expert, GLOBAL G.A.P. (Germany)
- Jorge Sandoval, Research Director, National Banana Corporation of Costa Rica - CORBANA (Costa Rica)
- Altus Viljoen, Chairperson of Fusarium research, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- Morag Webb, Head of Advocacy and Market Access, The Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee - COLEACP (Belgium)

Topics
- Status and impact of TR4
- Need for integrated management and prevention approaches
- Role of stakeholders and the WBF TR4 Task Force

10:55 Break
11:05 FAO Global Programme on TR4 - Fazil Dusunceli, Agricultural Officer, Plant Production and Protection division, FAO
11:15 Open discussion with all participants
11:45 Looking ahead: priorities and key opportunities for Future of bananas: Managing the risks of Fusarium wilt TR4

12:15 Lunch break

SESSION 4

13:15 Panel discussion: How to achieve a fairer distribution of value?

Opening remarks: Denis Loeillet, Agroeconomist, Market Analyst and Managing editor of the FruiTrop journal, Agricultural Research Centre for International Development, CIRAD/FruiTrop (France)

Moderator: Alistair Smith, International Coordinator, Banana Link (United Kingdom)

Panellists:
- Stephen Antig, Executive Director, Pilipino Banana Growers and Exporters Association – PBGEA (Philippines)
- Patrick Belser, Senior Economist at the International Labour Organization (ILO), ILO Global Wage Report
- Gilbert Bermudez, Sub-coordinator, Coordinating Body of Latin American Banana and Agro-industrial Unions - COLSIBA (Honduras)
- Fernando Bolaños, CEO, Agroamerica (Guatemala)
- Wilbert Flinterman, Senior Advisor on Workers’ Rights and Trade Union Relations, Fairtrade International (Germany)

www.fao.org/wbf
• Edgar Monge, Responsible Sourcing Manager – Americas, TESCO (United Kingdom)
• Kozel Peters, Coordinator, Windward Islands Farmers’ Association - WINFA (Windward Islands)

Topics
- Living wages
- Sustainable costs of production
- Future of small farmers in the banana industry

15:05 Break
15:15 Open discussion with all participants
15:45 Looking ahead: priorities and key opportunities for How to achieve a fairer distribution of value?

16:00 Conclusions and next steps
- WBF priorities, organization, future
- Presentation and adoption of draft Communiqué / Final declaration

18:15 Closing address by Pascal Liu, Senior Economist, Coordinator of the World Banana Forum

Friday 10 November (side event)
09:30 - 16.30 Engaging stakeholders in combatting Fusarium wilt TR4
Room 2, International Conference Centre (CICG)