



**Regional Launch of the Decade of  
Family Farming 2019 - 2028  
From August 25th to 27th 2019, Dominican Republic  
Declaration of Bavaro**

Governments, parliamentarians, representatives from family farming organizations including artisanal fishermen, indigenous people, Afro-descendants, women, youth, and other social organizations; from the private sector and academic institutions; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other cooperation agencies present in the Dominican Republic on August 27th, 2019, on the occasion of the “Regional Launch of the Decade of Family Farming” agree to:

1. Thank the Government of the Dominican Republic for organizing de Launch of the Decade of Family Farming in Latin American and the Caribbean, for the facilities offered for this meeting as well as the attention given to the participants. Furthermore, to congratulate the Dominican Republic for the recent approval of its National Plan of Family Farming, which serves as an inspiration to the rest of the countries in the context of the Regional Launch.
2. Reinforce that the approval of the Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 with its Global Action Plan is a recognition of the outstanding role that family farming has in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals included in the 2030 Agenda.
3. Establish joint regional and subregional monitoring and reporting mechanisms regarding the implementation of the Action Plan of the Decade of Family Farming in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Create and strengthen intersectoral mechanisms and spaces for public policy dialogue, with emphasis in National Family Farming Committees and subregional coordination spaces.
5. Promote the formulation and review of national family farming plans, based on the dialogue between multiple stakeholders, especially organizations of healthy food producers, and generate the conditions for their implementation.

6. Strengthen and expand public and private rural services, from social protection to productive inclusion, to boost the transformation and diversification of family farming, increasing their productivity through sustainability and access to technology and markets that answer to their needs.
7. Strengthen access policies to public markets, such as government purchases, and private markets through associativism and cooperativism to expand the insertion of family farmers and their organizations into markets.
8. Encourage and support family farming organizations to strengthen, renew and expand their action agenda in line with the new challenges imposed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Promote the south-south cooperation between countries, social organizations and other relevant actors in the Family Farming sector by bringing the needs and demands of a country or territory closer to innovative experiences with proven impacts.
10. Leverage the necessary resources for the implementation of the Decade Action Plan, increasing and improving the efficiency of investments and access to credit in rural territories, seeking the collaboration of public and private partners, cooperation agencies and international organizations.
11. Establish mechanisms for access to digital and technological tools that allow the provision of technical assistance, information, innovation and specific markets for family farmers.
12. Spread widely and send this Joint Declaration to the global committee of the Decade of Family Farming for registration and potential support to our region