

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Partner Event 3

CFS Partner Event: CONNECTING AGROECOLOGICAL AND INTEGRATED POLICIES IN TIME OF CRISIS

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Partner Event [Connecting Agroecological and Integrated Policies in Time of Crisis](#) showcased good policy practices, illustrating the key role of policymakers as agents of change when it comes to the long-term and resilient transformation of food systems. Around 300 people participated in the session. A rich panel of speakers presented concrete policy instruments at the sub-national, national and international level to operationalized agroecological principles in line with the SDGs and explored key entry points and drivers of transformational policies.

Take home messages

Several speakers have highlighted the increasing consensus growing around the urgency to transform our food systems in the face of the current global challenges such as climate change and the new pandemic. Times of crises are usually propitious moments to bring forward systemic changes. **Today there is a momentum for developing policy instruments working towards scaling up agroecological systems, creating a space for actors to develop solutions and integrating agroecological approaches in mainstream systems for continuous improvements of practices.**

The experiences of Senegal and India as well as France emphasized the **importance of building policy interventions that are bottom-up and able to involve a wider range of actors and stakeholders at the very beginning of each policy cycle, so that the policy processes become an exercise of co-creation** and deliver more meaningful and effective measures.

Increasing awareness for agroecological solutions at the international level (e.g. through different UN fora) also contributes to facilitating implementation of agroecological policies at country level. **Creating evidences of the performance of agroecological producers and value chains is important to support decision making at policy level.** For this purpose, FAO developed the [TAPE](#) tool, which should contribute to a global data base on the performance of agroecological systems. This tool should also facilitate exchange between usually isolated sectors (e.g. governmental, agricultural, environmental, socio-economic sectors).

The event was concluded by inviting policy makers to join the [Food Policy Forum For Change](#) and share and learn experiences on agroecological policies. **The forum is an interactive global network that offers opportunities for peer-to-peer exchanges between policy makers.** These exchanges will support the development of effective integrative policies for sustainable food systems that can address the challenges created by current global crises. The forum is open to national and subnational government officers and official advisors in the agriculture, food, nutrition, rural development, environment, trade, finance and planning sectors.



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Recording:

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