

Information

Background

In 2011 the General Assembly of the United Nations declared 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) and invited FAO to facilitate its implementation in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Principal aim of the year is to highlight the importance of family farms for global food security.

This topic is relevant for Swiss policies at both national and international level. This conference provides representatives from Parliament, government, academia and civil society the opportunity to share views on family farming.

Overall objectives

- Identify the role and responsibilities of family farming with respect to food security and sustainable rural development.
- Recommendations for improving the policy environment and strategies in support of family farming at the national and international level. The recommendations will be included in a declaration.

Audience

- Representatives of family farms
- Experts and policy-makers from national and international organizations
- Representatives of research, education and extension institutions
- Representatives of associations and NGOs
- Parliamentarians
- Economic organisations

Language and Documentation

Speeches can be held in German, French and English with simultaneous translation. The workshops will be conducted in German or in French.

All meeting documents will be provided in German and in French.

Participation Cost

Conference fee: CHF 100.– (students with student card CHF 50.–) including all meals and conference documents.

Arrival

Train: Arrival from Berne 7.25/7.55/8.25 or Lausanne 7.33/8.03/8.33 – shuttle bus is available at the bus station north exit to Grangeneuve.

Return shuttle from Grangeneuve with departures at 17.25/17.55/18.25 direction Fribourg with connections to Lausanne (17.56/18.26/18.56) or Bern (18.04/18.34/19.04).

Car: From Fribourg via A12 exit Matran, From Bulle via A12 exit Rossens

Accommodation

For arrivals on Thursday 26 June 2014 accommodations are available:

At Grangeneuve: tariff including breakfast: CHF 70.–. Contact: 026 305 54 98 or iag-accueil@fr.ch or at Hotel NH Grand Place 14, Fribourg. Near train station Fribourg. Tariff including breakfast: CHF 150.–. Contact: 026 351 91 91 or <http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/switzerland/fribourg.html>

For arrival on 27 June shuttle bus from the train station will be available.

Registration

www.familyfarming.ch/tagung

Registration deadline: June 10, 2014.

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National Conference on Family Farming as a contribution to the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF)

Friday 27 June 2014

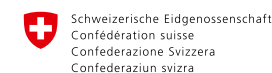
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Conference programme

Conference Chair: **Francis Egger**, Head of Department Economy, training and international affairs, Swiss Farmer's Union (SFU) and Chairman of the National Campaign IYFF 2014

Fritz Schneider, Head of Department Agriculture, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences HAFL and President of the Swiss national FAO Committee CNS-FAO

8.30 Registration

9.00 Welcome

Fritz Schneider

President of the Swiss National FAO Committee (CNS-FAO)

Francis Egger

Chairman of the National Campaign IYFF 2014

9.10 Family portrait

Elisabeth Atangana

President of the regional coordination center of agricultural organizations, Central Africa (PROPAC)

9.20 Opening

Family farms as a future model for food security and sustainable use of resources

Councillor of Isidor Baumann

SAB President and Co-President of the National Committee IYFF 2014

Idea of the International Year of Family Farming

José Osaba

Campaign Manager IYFF, World Rural Forum

9.50 Family portrait

Miguel Ortega

Farmer, Bolivia

10.00 Break

10.30 Speeches

The role of Family Farming for food security and management of resources

Marcela Villarreal

Director, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) tbc

Importance of family farms for development cooperation.

Martin Dahinden

Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Importance of family farms in the Swiss agricultural policy.

Bernard Lehmann

Director General of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)

Role of women in family farming.

Ruth Rossier

Researcher Agroscope.

Family farms as suppliers.

Hans Jöhr

Corporate Head of Agriculture, Nestlé

Success factors for the vitality of family farms.

Dorothee Lötscher

Programme Manager, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS)

12.00 Lunch break

13.15 Workshops

Analysis of family farms achievements and challenges.

Input: **Beat Röösl** (d), SFU

Facilitator AGRIDEA

Jürgen Roth (d)

International cooperation

Policy environment for strengthening family farms.

Input: **Sandra Contzen** (d), HAFL, BFH

Daniel Mettler (d)

Rural development

Input: **Frédéric Ménétrey** (f), FFU

Nils Rump (f)

Vocational training, Advisory services

Conditions for a self-determined future of family farms.

Input: **Fabio Leippert** (d), SWISSAID

Marc Bloch (d)

International cooperation

Needs of family farms with respect to research, education and extension.

Input: **Bruno Häller** (d), BeratungsForum Switzerland

Johanna Schoop (d)

Vocational training, Advisory services

Family farming as a basis for sustainable rural development and sustainable use of resources.

Input: **Andrea Bischof** (d), HELVETAS

Input: **Dimka Stantchev** (f), SDC

Lisa Landert (d)

Rural development

Michèle Zufferey (d)

Farm, Family, Diversification

Perspectives for women on family farms.

Input: **Yvonne Grendelmeier** (d), SBLV

Hermine Hascher (d)

Dept. Farm Management and Family

14.30 Family portrait

Dan Cismas

Farmer and teacher, Romania

14.40 Results from the workshops

Ulrich Ryser

Director AGRIDEA

15.20 Family portrait

Franziska Gasser

Farmer on a dairy farm in Swiss mountains

15.30 Panel discussion and questions from the audience

Action for strengthening family farms.

Elisabeth Atangana, President PROPAC

Christine Bühler, President of the Swiss farmers and rural women association, SBLV

Dan Cismas, farmer and teacher, Romania

Franziska Gasser, farmer, Swiss mountain region

Salome Hofer, Associate Economic Policy, Coop

Markus Ritter, President of the Swiss Farmer's Union SFU

Peter Schmidt, co-director of counseling services, HELVETAS

Moderator: Thomas Egger, Swiss Group for Mountain Regions, SAB

16.45 Closing session

Draft declaration

Fritz Schneider

President of the Swiss National FAO Committee (CNS FAO)

17.00 Aperitif and exhibition – end of the conference