

World Food Day Colloquium 2014

Family Farming - A Solution for Food and Nutrition Security?

Schloss Hohenheim, Stuttgart

Thursday, October 16th, 2014

09:00 – 16:15

A cooperation between the Food Security Center (FSC), the Institute for Social Science in Agriculture, and the Center for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics (TROZ).

This year's WFD Colloquium focuses on the key function family farms play in enhancing nutrition, food security and poverty reduction in the world.

Over 98% of farm holdings are family farms. The International Year of Family Farming spotlights their significant role after decades of disregard. Especially in the Southern Hemisphere, where food insecurity in rural areas is almost endemic, farmers hold a unique potential to foster a shift towards more productive, nutritious and sustainable food systems. Therefore, appropriate policies are needed as well as access to land, water and other resources. The welfare of farmers can stimulate local and regional markets as well as help generate new jobs in rural areas.

The first "Hans Ruthenberg Memorial Lecture" addresses the challenges of achieving global food security through an agricultural world dominated by family farms. A panel of young scientists will critically reflect the state of the art and analyze limitations of improvements. Experts will outline recommendations for future research, teaching and practical work based on their current projects during a round table session.

The event is sponsored by the **Center for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics** of the University of Hohenheim, as well as **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) and the programme **exceed** (Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation).

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