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SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS FOR HEALTHY DIETS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Date & Time: 13:20 – 14:00

FAO SIDE EVENT

Agroecology for sustainable agriculture and food systems in Europe and Central Asia

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Introduction to the Objectives of the Side Event

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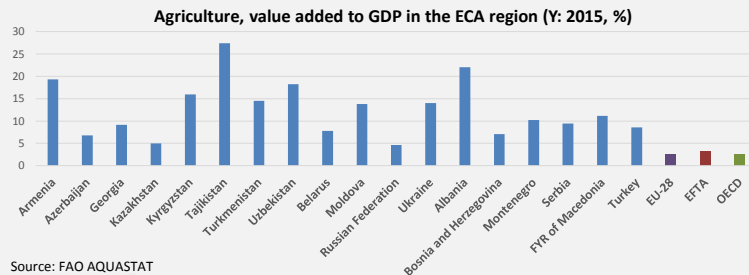
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Introduction

Climate change is a growing threat to food security and ecosystem services in Europe and Central Asia where most countries are developing middle-income economies and show their greater reliance on agriculture.



Source: FAO AQUASTAT

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Introduction-contd.

Many small-scale farmers are and will be among the hardest hit as they often have limited assets and access to resources, knowledge, use of technologies and financial services required to adapt their production systems to climate change processes (FAO, 2017 – Regional Panorama Report).

However, the current agricultural systems become more intensive with the necessary fertilizers, pesticides and fuel under a changing climate and thus shows a lower resilience and higher vulnerability to such external conditions.



Agroecology can provide a higher resistance for farmers to climatic events, mitigate vulnerability and make agriculture and food systems more sustainable in the mid-long term.

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Agroecology

FAO has identified 10 key elements, derived from the general principles articulated for agroecology.



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The side event will aim to **increase participants' awareness** about this thematic issue - agroecology and its practices in Europe and Central Asia.

The side event will share with participants the overview and result of Regional Symposium on Agroecology in November 2016 and provide the latest information on FAO's agro-ecological work at a national and regional level.

The side event will also serve as a basis for **how to scale-up agroecology in the region to achieve sustainable agriculture and food systems** with wide-ranging feedbacks from participants and fruitful discussion during the session.

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Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
13:20 – 13:25 (05 minutes)	Introduction to the objectives of the side event	Reuben Sessa
13:25 – 13:35 (10 minutes)	Highlighting the recommendations of Regional Symposium on Agroecology and sustainable food systems	Dai Yamawaki
13:35 – 13:45 (10 minutes)	The Latest FAO work on agroecology in Europe and Central Asia	Artur Shamilov
13:45 – 13:55 (10 minutes)	Q&A and Discussion	*The chair will facilitate this session
13:55 – 14:00 (05 minutes)	Session close -Conclusions	Reuben Sessa

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