



Regional Launch of the Decade of Family Farming 2019 - 2028

From August 25th to 27th 2019, Dominican Republic

Sunday, 25th of August

Official Event's Opening

- 17.00 a 19.00
- Mr. Osmar Benítez**, Minister of Agriculture – Dominican Republic
 - Mrs. Ana Cristina Quirós Soto**, Vice-Minister of Agriculture– Costa Rica
 - Mr. Julio Berdegué**, FAO Regional Representative for LAC
 - Mr. Paolo Silveri**, IFAD Regional Economist for LAC
 - Mr. Mario Arvelo**, President of the Committee on World Food Security and Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Agencies in Rome
 - Mr. Alberto Broch**, President of the Mercosur Family Farmers Association (COPROFAM)
 - Mrs. Deolinda Carrizo**, Representante de Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Organizaciones del Campo (CLOC – Vía Campesina)
 - Mr. Amílcar Romero Portuondo**, Senator for the Province of Duarte and Head of the Senate's Agriculture Commission
 - Mr. David Herrera Díaz**, Deputy for the Province of San Juan de la Maguana and President of the Permanent Committee on Agriculture of the Chamber of Deputies for the Dominican Republic .

Opening Speech

Mr. Osmar Benítez, Minister of Agriculture – Dominican Republic

Day Close

Monday, August 26

Session 1: The contribution of Family Farming to the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: Sra. Marcela Villareal – Joint Secretary FAO/IFAD for the UN Decade of Family Farming - Director of the Division of Partnerships and South-South Cooperation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Keynote Speech:

Mr. Julio Berdegué - FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean

Commentators:

Mrs. Graciela Fernández – President of Cooperativa de las Américas/ACI

Mrs. Tamisha Lee – Caribbean Network of Rural Women

Mr. Leandro Ávila – Secretary of Interagency Relations of the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO)

Mr. Auxtin Ortiz – Director of the World Rural Forum (FRM)

Session 2: The diversity of Family Farming in Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderator: Sr. Rodolfo Gonzalez Greco – Representative of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

Panelists:

Yasmiry Méndez, Association of Women towards the Progress of Bombita (production of fish and crafts)

Eva Gamboa - Continental Link of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)

Cairo Laguna - World Forum of Artisanal Fishermen and Fisheries Workers

Marléne Sanchez - Latin American Association of Countryside Organizations (CLOC – Vía Campesina).

Errington Thompson– Agriculture Alliance of the Caribbean (AACARI)

Press Conference

FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Minister of Agriculture (Parallel)

11.00 – 11.30

Break and Official photo

Session 3: Contributions of Governments to the Family Farming Decade - CARIBBEAN

Moderación: Mr. Luiz Carlos Beduschi – Regional Development Policy Officer of the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

Panelists:

-**Mr. Athill Dean Jonas** - Minister for Agriculture of Antigua and Barbuda.

-**Mr. Indar Weir** – Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Barbados

-**Mr. Jobert Angrand** – Minister of Agriculture of Haiti

-**Mr. Andrew Harrison** - Acting Chief Agriculture Officer of Belize

-**Mr. Malachy Dottin** - Director of research and development of Grenada

-**Mr. Dexter Samn** – Agriculture Assistant of Trinidad and Tobago

-**Miss Coleen Philips** - FAO National Correspondant in St. Vincent and the Grenadines

11.30 a 13.00



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Lunch break

Session 4: Contributions of Governments to the Decade of Family Farming – MESOAMERICA

Moderator: Mrs. Guadalupe Valdez – Special Ambassador Zero Hunger for Latin America and the Caribbean

Panelists:

- Mrs. Justa del Rosario Pérez Acuña – Minister of Family, Community, Cooperative and Associative Economy of Nicaragua
- Mr. José Felipe Orellana – Viceminister of Agriculture of Guatemala
- Mr. Ismael Cruz – Viceminister of Rural Development of Dominican Republic
- Mrs. Ana Cristina Quirós Soto - Viceminister of Agriculture of Costa Rica
- Mr. Manuel Rigoberto Soto Lazo – Viceminister of Agriculture of El Salvador
- Mr. José Alberto Benítez – Undersecretary of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras
- Mrs. Elizabeth Peña Turruea - Director of Urban, Suburban and Family Agriculture Program of Cuba

14.30
a
16.00

16.00 a 16.30

Break

Session 5: Contributions of the Governments of the Family Farming Decade - SOUTH AMERICA

Moderación: Sr. Arturo Bisonó – Advisor in Innovation for Family Farming of the Vice Presidency of the Dominican Republic

Panelists:

- Mr. Xavier Lazo – Minister of Agriculture of Ecuador
- Mrs. Maria Elena Rojas – Viceminister of Agriculture of Peru
- Mr. Santiago Hardie - Secretary of Family Agriculture, Territorial Coordination and Development of Argentina
- Mr. Fernando Henrique Schwanke - Secretary of Family Farming and Cooperativism of Brazil
- Mrs. Francisca Silva – Head of the Development Division of INDAP – Chile
- Mr. Mario León Frutos - Executive Coordinator of the Integrated Management System for Agricultural and Rural Development (SIGEST)
- Mr. Joaquín Salgado Rodríguez - Coordinador del Grupo de Agricultura Familiar de la Dirección de la Capacidades y Generación de Ingresos del Ministerio de Agricultura de Colombia

16.30
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18.00

19.30 a 21.00

Welcome cocktail (Dominican Night)

Tuesday, August 27

Session 6: Contributions of non-governmental actors to the Decade of Family Farming

Moderator: Sra. Marcela Villareal – Joint Secretary FAO/IFAD for the UN Decade of Family Farming - Director of the Division of Partnerships and South-South Cooperation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Keynote Speech:

Mr. Mario Arvelo – Committee on World Food Security

Commentators:

- Mr. Rommel Vargas - Representative of the National Council of Food Sovereignty and Food and Nutrition Security (CONASSAN)
- Mr. José Miguel Méndez Hernández – Adopem Bank/BBVA Foundation
- Deputy Mrs. Teresa Cáliz – Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Honduras
- Mrs. Isabel Muñoz – Representative from Consumers International (Ecuador)

8.00
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9.00

9.30 a 10.00

Coffee Break

Session 7: Towards the construction of commitments for the implementation of the agenda of the Decade of Family Farming

Moderator: Mr. Osmar Benítez - Ministry of Agriculture of Dominican Republic

Panelists:

Representatives of the following organizations:

- UN Food & Agriculture Organization - FAO
- The Southern Common Market - (MERCOSUR for its Spanish initials)
- Central American Integration System - (SICA for its Spanish initials)
- Caribbean Community – CARICOM
- Latin American Coordinator of Field Organizations - (CLOC- for its Spanish initials)
- Mercosur's Family Farmers Coordinator (COPROFAM- for its Spanish initials)
- Latin American Parliament

10.00
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12.00

12.00 a 12.30

Official Closure of the Regional Launch of the Decade of Family Farming