

Side event 14 | Boosting finance in agroecology to achieve Rio Conventions' targets

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Abstract

Agroecological approaches are increasingly recognized as powerful levers for solving major challenges that the current agricultural and food systems face. As the UN Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD) call for the need of food system approaches to solve the global human and ecological crises we currently face, materializing the synergies between conventions will only be viable via integrated approaches and it will require investments and finance. Agroecology promotes the sustainable management of agriculture and the preservation of agrobiodiversity to climate and sustainable land management policies.

Thus, boosting finance in agroecology would greatly accelerate the food system transformations necessary to achieve Rio Conventions' targets on climate, biodiversity and desertification simultaneously with achieving food security. The side event will demonstrate how agroecology connects and delivers on these goals. It will share the results of discussions among a group of donors (bilateral, multilateral and philanthropic donors, private investors and governments) taking place immediately before the CFS (20-21 October). It will present data on investments in agroecology and a methodological tool to assess how much funded projects and programmes contribute to an agroecological transformation based on their alignment with the 13 principles of agroecology as articulated in the HLPE Report.

Objectives

- How synergistic implementation through agroecology leads to better outcomes, more coherence, increased investments, and reduced costs in implementing Rio Conventions' targets;
- How varied funding strategies can be aligned and coordinated to boost investments in agroecology and accelerate food systems transformation;
- A methodological tool to track how much projects, programmes or portfolio of projects contribute to agroecological transformations, based on the 13 principles of agroecology.