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WEBINAR

Sustainable production and agrifood systems based on GIAHS approaches

1. Background

As existing food systems have caused various environmental burdens, such as excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers, greenhouse gas emissions, overuse of water resources, loss of biodiversity, and degradation of soil, the transformation of food systems into more resilient and sustainable ones has been increasingly recognized as significant in the international community in recent years.

Bearing in mind the importance of conservation of biodiversity and reduction of environmental burden of agriculture, the FAO has designated the sustainable traditional agricultural, forestry, and fisheries systems that have been formed in relation to culture and biodiversity, adapting to the climate and natural conditions of each country or region, and should be inherited to future generations as "Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems" (GIAHS). As of February 2024, 86 GIAHS in 26 countries around the world have been designated.

Against this background, "Project for Promotion and Dissemination of Sustainable Food Systems (GCP/GLO/1185/JPN-F)", funded by Japan, calls for the organization of a workshop/webinar to collect and analyze the information on excellent activities and good agricultural practices for promoting greening the supply chain in agriculture.

2. Outline

The Webinar will invite 4 GIAHS where agricultural practices to promote sustainable agricultural production and supply chain have been carried out based on traditional knowledge and practices for a long time, and exchange information and experiences.

3. Dates and meeting room arrangement

- Dates: 25-26 April 2024
- Time: 13:00-16:00 (CET)
- FAO webcast: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/>
- The meeting will be recorded and uploaded onto the GIAHS website.

4. Presenters: Representatives from GIAHS Systems



5. Objectives:

- i. To exchange effective practices and approaches which can contribute to sustainable agriculture (as well as its supply chain where possible) through more environmentally friendly production, better resource management, biodiversity conservation, mitigation of climate change and ecological production in GIAHS systems.
- ii. To explore, where possible, how these good practices and approaches can be applied to other agricultural areas and benefit small scale family farmers.

6. Language: English, French, Spanish and Japanese

Provisional Agenda and Timetable

April 25 (Thursday)

Opening		
13:00 - 13:10	Briefing on the Symposium	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Mr. Yoshihide Endo GIAHS Coordinator
13:10 – 13:20	Opening remarks	Representatives from the donor country
Presentation of Good Agricultural Practices for Sustainable Production		
13:20 - 14:20 40 min. Presentation 20 min. Q&A	Presentation on the good agricultural practices in the GIAHS site contributing to more environmentally friendly production, better resource management, biodiversity conservation, mitigation of climate change, more ecological production based on traditional knowledge	Fallen Leves Compost Agroforestry System, Japan Ms Anna Kimura Promotion Council of Musashino's Fallen Leaves Compost Agroforestry System for Globally Important Agricultural Systems
14:20 -14:30	Short Break	
14:30 -15:30 40 min. Presentation 20 min. Q&A	Presentation on the good agricultural practices in the GIAHS site contributing to more environmentally friendly production, better resource management, biodiversity conservation, mitigation of climate change, more ecological production based on traditional knowledge	Traditional Hay milk Farming in the Austrian Alpine Arc, Austria Karl Neuhofer Chairman of ARGE Heumilch Österreich Heidi Trettler' Marketing Officer, ARGE Heumilch Österreich
15:30 -16:00	Summary of the Presentation	



April 26 (Friday)

Presentation of Good Agricultural Practices for Sustainable Production		
13:00 - 14:00 40 min. Presentation 20 min. Q&A	Presentation on the good agricultural practices in the GIAHS site contributing to more environmentally friendly production, better resource management, biodiversity conservation, mitigation of climate change, more ecological production based on traditional knowledge	Gafsa Oases, Tunisia Takwa Wannasi Member Director Committee of the Association for the Preservation of the Medina of Gafsa, Tunisia
14:00 - 14:10	Short Break	
14:10 - 15:10 40 min. Presentation 20 min. Q&A	Presentation on the good agricultural practices in the GIAHS site contributing to more environmentally friendly production, better resource management, biodiversity conservation, mitigation of climate change, more ecological production based on traditional knowledge	The Amazonian Chakra, Ecuador María Gabriela Zurita Researcher- of Agroecology, Regional Regional University IKIAM, Ecuador
15:10 – 15:40	Presentation on the activities by the supply chain operators to support farmers’ sustainable agricultural practices	Mamano Chocolate Kotaro Ezawa Founder, (Kotaro inc.)
15:40 - 16:00	Conclusions	