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Sustainable Agriculture (Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries): Concrete Transformative Steps Towards Mainstreaming Biodiversity

Fewer sectors of society are as symbiotic with biodiversity, as agriculture, fisheries and forestry. While these sectors depend heavily on biodiversity and ecosystem services, their respective impacts on biodiversity may threaten food security and the provision of ecosystem functions and services that are vital to humanity. At the same time, some management practices serve to maintain habitats that support biodiversity and the generation of ecosystem services.

Side event #1975

Thursday
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Contact Group 4
Universal Building,
main floor

Many options to improve farming's ecological footprint are known and many of them are knowledge intensive but can generate additional environmental social and economic advantages. Farmers, fishers and forest users, need more than a set of technical solutions. They need an integral vision that supports them along the way: to conserve or restore degraded habitats, improve production in a sustainable and efficient way, and getting better returns for their products. Higher productivity, within sustainability limits, means more land for conservation and less pressure on remaining natural habitats.

This side event aims to illustrate how ecological approaches, technical solutions and improved institutional coordination can support the mainstreaming of biodiversity across the agriculture and food sectors. It will highlight how better alignment of investments can provide farmers with incentives that allow them to reach biodiversity conservation goals, enable the sustainable use of agrobiodiversity, and improve productivity and food security.



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•Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry for biodiversity conservation: taking concrete transformative steps
Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

13.20h

•Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry enhance biodiversity conservation: technical options
Chikelu Mba, Senior Officer, Seeds and Plant Genetic Resources team, FAO

13.30h

•Sustainable agriculture enhance biodiversity conservation: cross-sectoral policy solutions



▪*Rafael Obregón Viloria,*
Director General de Corredores Biológicos, Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO), Mexico
Within the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, CONABIO supports farmers in improving productivity to reduce deforestation and biodiversity loss, and improve rural well-being. The commission does this by offering a package of incentives to align a variety of public and private initiatives.



▪*Tauti Fuatino M-Leota,*
Assistant CEO Division of Environment and Conservation, Ministry Of Natural Resources And Environment, Samoa
National process to facilitate cross-sectorial collaboration in agriculture in Samoa, through the inclusion of agroecosystem services in Samoa's NBSAP and other relevant policies.



▪*Gunnstein Bakke,*
Senior legal adviser, Directorate of Fisheries, Norway
Norway has developed and implemented a globally recognized policy and action framework for fisheries and aquaculture sectors that integrate biodiversity through an ecosystem approach to ensure value chains are productive and sustainable.

14.00h Discussion, *Kim Friedman, Senior fishery resources officer, FAO*

14.30h FAO as a governance platform for biodiversity mainstreaming, *Dan Leskien, Senior Liaison Officer FAO*

14.40h Closing Remarks, *Irene Hoffmann, Secretary, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO*