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Composting & Soil Health Zero Waste & Agroecology Solutions for Climate Change

December 4th 2015, 15.45 to 18.45 Civil Society Space, Room 6,
Le Bourget, Paris

Side-event to the COP21 Climate Conference

The intersection of **zero waste** and **agroecology** is a fertile area for **community-based solutions** to **climate change**, both for adaptation and mitigation, especially when looking at organic waste. Cutting-edge researchers, leading practitioners, and visionary local leaders will present their testimony and make contributions towards a sustainable, just, **low carbon economy**.

Panel discussion 1

The sectors of **waste** and **agriculture** are fertile areas for **solutions to climate change**, though the extent of their contribution is often under debate. Moreover, economical incentives from climate finance are often misaligned with the most sustainable options. This panel will present the latest, cutting-edge research on the sectors of waste and agriculture, with special attention to the implications for the negotiations at the COP21.

Calla Rose Ostrander - Marin Carbon Project

*The potential of composting
for agriculture and climate
change*



Enzo Favoino – Zero Waste Europe

*Climate benefits of
composting and
key strategies*



Teresa Anderson - ActionAid

*COP21: what's at stake for
agriculture in the
current negotiations*



Moderator

Camille Duran – The Organic Stream





Panel discussion 2

Agroecology is the science behind **sustainable agriculture**, from the ground up. It encourages democratic, decentralized decision-making by farmers and incorporates practical, low cost and ecology-based technologies for productive farming. Not only do agroecological farming methods strengthen ecological and economic resilience in the face of today's climate, water and energy crises, they offer a path forward for growing food to feed us all.

Janarthani Arumugam - Pesticide Action Network Asia

*Challenges and opportunities
for agroecology in Asia*



Jayakumar Chelaton – Thanal

*Agroecology
and biogas systems
in Kerala, India*



Mwadhini Myanza - IRTECO

*Compost & Agroecology-
a case study
from Tanzania*



Moderator Shibu K. Nair – Thanal



Panel discussion 3

Zero waste solutions – including waste prevention, reuse, recycling, redesign, composting, Extended Producer Responsibility, and consumption transformation, etc. – are **climate change solutions** that need to be fully integrated into a **low carbon economy**. It's time for international climate finance to shift support to these climate-friendly options instead of waste disposal, with special consideration to the large population of informal recyclers whose livelihoods depend on recycling.

Ricardo Navarro – Goldman Prize Winner CESTA FOE Salvador

*Zero Waste as a Climate Solution
in Latin America*



Malati Gadgil - Cooperative of Waste Pickers KKKPK

*The contribution
of waste pickers
to climate change mitigation*



Brandon King – Cooperation Jackson (TBC)

*Just Transition strategies
for cross-sector initiatives*



Moderator Monica Wilson – GAIA US



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