

Soils and pulses: symbiosis for life

A contribution to the 2030 Agenda

Tuesday, 19th April 2016 – Rome, FAO HQ – Sheikh Zayed Center (9.30-13.00)

Registration (09.30)

Opening (09.45-10.00)

- ✓ H.E. Pierfrancesco Sacco, PR Italy.
- ✓ Ren Wang, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, (AG), FAO. (tbc)

The International Year of Pulses in action (10.00-10.15)

- ✓ H.E. Nadeem Riyaz, PR of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Co-Chair of the IYP Steering Committee.
- ✓ H.E. Aydin Adnan Sezgin, PR of the Republic of Turkey, Co-Chair of the IYP Steering Committee.

Keynote speaker (10.15-10.45)

- ✓ Carlo Petrini, President of the Slow Food Movement (tbc).
- ✓ Michael Baum, Director, Biodiversity and Integrated Gene Management Program, ICARDA.
(joining *live from Marrakech*)

Moderator: Marcela Villareal, Director, Partnership, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division, FAO.

Session 1 – Encouraging the production of pulses to improve soil health (10.45 - 11.15)

- ✓ *“Soils and pulses: why a symbiosis for life?”*. Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division (AGL), FAO.
- ✓ *“Using pulse diversity to manage pests and diseases and improve soil health”*. Paola De Santis, Agricultural Ecosystems researcher, Productive and resilient farms, forests and landscapes initiative, Bioversity International.
- ✓ *“Pulse crops for sustainable production intensification”*. Michele Pisante, Deputy Commissioner, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, CREA.

Open discussion (11.15-11.25)

International Year of Pulses – video will be shown.

Session 2 – Pulses consumption for economic, social and human well-being (11.30 – 12.00)

- ✓ Alessio Miliani, Executive Manager, Colfiorito Fertitecnica. (tbc)
- ✓ *“Lessons learned in Malawi”*. Federica Servili, Food Security Expert Link 2007 - CISP.
- ✓ *“Policy solutions for a healthier diet”*. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO (*video message*).

Open discussion (12.00 – 12.15)

Session 3 – How to develop good practices and policy solutions in view to contributing to Agenda 2030 Implementation? (12.15 - 12.45)

- ✓ *“How pulses can help lift people out rural poverty”* Graziella Romito, Head of International Relations and EU SCA Unit – MIPAAF.
- ✓ *“Food systems transformation: what is the role of pulses in the sustainability challenge?”* Massimo Iannetta, Head of Technical Unit on Sustainable Development and Innovation of Agro-industry System, ENEA.
- ✓ *“The contribution of smallholder farmers to the Agenda 2030”*. Wafaa El-Khoury, Lead Technical Specialist – Agronomy, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD.

Open discussion (12.45 – 13.00)

Conclusions

✓ Andrea Olivero, Vice Ministro delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali. (tbc)

Refreshment will be served (13.00)

Organization: Permanent Representation of Italy to UN, FAO, Bioversity International.

The event will be in english.
