

Agricultural Biodiversity for Healthy Soils and People

Nourishing people and sustaining the planet

16 November 2015 – Rome, FAO HQ - Sheikh Zayed Centre (9.30-12.30)

Registration (9.30)

Opening (9.45 -10.00)

- ✓ H.E. Pierfrancesco Sacco, PR Italy
- ✓ Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO
- ✓ Ann Tutwiler, Director General Bioversity International

Moderator: Luca Fratini, Deputy Head of Mission, Italian Permanent Mission to the UN Organizations and Vice Chair, Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

Session 1- Why Agricultural Biodiversity Matters to Healthy Soils and People? (10.00 -10.45)

- ✓ *Agricultural Biodiversity for Healthy Soil*. Anna Benedetti, Director of CRA-RPS (Research Centre for the Soil-Plant System), Vice President of SISS (Italian Society of Soil Science).
- ✓ *Soils and Biodiversity*. Ronald Vargas, Secretary of the Global Soil Partnership, Soils and Land Management Officer (NRL), FAO.
- ✓ *Use of Agricultural Biodiversity to Enhance Soil Health, Ecosystem Services and Livelihood Outcomes*. Fabrice DeClerck, Programme Leader, Agrobiodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Bioversity International.

International year of soils - video will be shown

Session 2 - Demand for Change? Options for Implementation. (10.50-11.50)

- ✓ Karim Hussein, Policy and Research Adviser, Global Engagement and Research Division, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD.
- ✓ Vincenzo Lenucci, World Farmers Organization, WFO-OMA.
- ✓ Milena Dimitrovska, Director of the Pelagonija Regional Development Agency PREDA, in Prilep, FYROM.
- ✓ Andrea Sisti, President of World Association of Agronomists, WAA.

Open debate (11.50-12.30)

Speakers from the floor

- ✓ Shakeel Bhatti, Secretary of the International Treaty, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AGDT) FAO.
- ✓ Fabio Terribile, Full Professor at the University of Napoli Federico II, President of Italian Society of Pedology (SIPE).
- ✓ Luca Montanarella, Senior Expert Land Resources Management, European Commission.

Refreshment will be served (12.30)

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

Working language: English
