



GLOBAL EXCHANGE SESSION

Family farming responses to today's climate, energy and food challenges

6TH OCTOBER 2022

9:30-13:30h (Hotel Seminario of Derio)

(Simultaneous translation in English, French and Spanish)

In recent years, the challenges facing the world's farmers have intensified as a result of the impact of global crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the climate crisis and the consequences of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine - main sources of grains, fertilisers and fossil fuels - on global food and input markets.

These global crises interact with region-specific social, economic and environmental conditions. It is necessary to reflect on the specific interventions that need to be designed to mitigate their impacts. Not only that, but it is also essential at this time to strengthen the resilience and development of family farmers by positioning them in the transformation and adaptation of agri-food systems.

In this sense, the meeting will enable a dialogue between family farming leaders from the 5 continents on the responses needed to address the current challenges of food systems and family farming and a reflection on the opportunities to be seized in a context of increasing attention to family farming and which is being developed in the United Nations Decade for Family Farming 2019-2028.

The meeting will include, in addition to the presentation of experiences and lessons learned, a time for conversation, exchange among participants and joint reflection on how to enhance the role of family farming to lead the transformation towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient and viable agri-food systems and to face the current crises and prepare for future ones through a transformative recovery. It is a methodology of peer-to-peer knowledge exchange and the search for local solutions to global challenges.

Seizing the opportunity of the knowledge of family farming organisations from the various continents that will be present, as well as the tremendous diversity of strategies to respond to these challenges, the day will include two sessions. One will focus on the response to the challenges while the other will refer to the impacts of the crises specifically on women family farmers and the enormous potential that their empowerment offers. This special session aims to be a platform for women family farmers in the Basque Country and around the world, to make visible their contribution to ensuring local and sustainable food systems.

AGENDA

SCHEDULE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:30-9:45	Welcome and contextualisation of the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Martin Uriarte, President of the WRF • Ms. Jone Fernandez, Director of Rural and Coastal Development and European Policies, Basque Government • Ms. Arantza Atutxa, Director General of Agriculture in the Provincial Government of Bizkaia
9:45-10:00	World Food Security at risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gabriel Ferrero, Chairman of the Committee on World Food Security (<i>by video</i>)
10:30-11:30	Round Table: Experiences and priorities for strengthening family farming and its resilience to crises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kyle Stice, Director, PIFON (<i>Pacific</i>) • Mr. Nathanaël Buka, Member of the Coordination Committee of PROPAC (<i>Central Africa</i>) • Mr. José Manuel Roche, Secretary of International Relations, UPA (<i>Spain</i>) • Mr. Javi Torre, President of UAGA • Mr. Xabier Iraola, Coordinator of ENBA Gipuzkoa
11:30-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 13:00	Round Table: Women farmers: key to transforming food systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Esther Penunia, Secretary General of AFA (<i>Asia</i>) • Ms. Rose Pélagie Masso, African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests, REFACOF • Mr. Jose Angel Coto, Coordinator of PDRR (<i>Central America</i>) • Ms. Oneka Zaballa, Project officer, ENBA Bizkaia • KONFEKOOP (<i>tbc</i>)
13:00-13:30	Conclusions and way forward: building more sustainable, inclusive, resilient and viable food systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alberto Broch, Secretary General of COPROFAM (<i>South America</i>)