

World Rural Forum at COP31

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INTRODUCTION TO WRF, FAMILY FARMING AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE



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Who we are

What is the World Rural Forum?



A plural network

of family farming organizations across five continents, rural development organizations, agriculture cooperatives and research centers.

+75M

family farmers across the five continents

UNDFF 2019-2028

Working under the umbrella of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming, recognised by the UN General Assembly

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What is family farming?

A means of organizing agricultural, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production that is managed and operated by a family and predominantly relies on the family labour. It combines economic, social and cultural functions (FAO).

Family farming is diverse, deeply rooted in local territories and a cornerstone of sustainable food systems and rural development.

Our Key Messages

1

Recognise family farming as a key actor in climate action

Ensure that the COP31 cover decision and the post-SJWA process give agriculture a clear and lasting place in the climate negotiations, recognising family farmers as strategic partners.



2

Make climate finance reach family farming

Make climate finance accessible, direct and predictable, through simplified procedures and dedicated funding windows, so that it reaches family farming organisations and territories.



Our Key Messages

3

A just transition that works for and is grounded in rural communities

Ensure the meaningful inclusion of food systems, rural livelihoods and family farmers in the Just Transition Mechanism, with its work grounded in the realities of family farmers.



4

Adaptation that starts in the territories

Involve family farming organisations in the implementation and monitoring of the Global Goal on Adaptation indicators, while supporting their locally led adaptation efforts.



Our Key Messages

5

Anchor national climate plans in family farming realities

Give family farming organisations a meaningful role in implementing NDCs and NAPs, including them in national climate finance planning, and recognising their practices as climate solutions.



6

Put rural women and youth at the center

Advance dedicated policies and resources to enable the effective engagement of rural women and youth in climate action, focusing on their access to land and finance.



WRF Agenda at COP31

Presidency's high-level events, Action Agenda, side events and negotiations

09 NOV MONDAY

COP31 PRESIDENCY EVENT

High-level Women Farmers' Dialogue

12:00–13:30

B. Citoler

Special Event Hall 3
Assos

09 NOV MONDAY

SIDE EVENT

Champions of Change: How Countries are Strengthening Food Security

13:30–14:30

M. Salacakau
on behalf of WRF

Special Event Room 1
Uzungol

09 NOV MONDAY

SIDE EVENT

Just Transition, Inclusive Reform: Centring Family Farmers and Decent Work in Agricultural Support

14:30–15:30

B. Citoler

Spain Pavilion

09 NOV MONDAY

ACTION AGENDA

Axis 3 Showcase Event

15:00–16:30

K. David
on behalf of WRF

Special Event Room 4
Theatre

Also on 9 November: Opening Plenary · Time to be confirmed.

Food, Agriculture and Health Day

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10 NOV TUESDAY

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

Launch of the Turquoise Nexus Initiative

Ministerial Roundtable on food systems, climate-resilient agriculture finance and the food–water–climate nexus

15:00–17:00

B. Citoler

Special Event Hall 2
Likya

10 NOV TUESDAY

SIDE EVENT

Climate Resilient Agriculture in Kyrgyzstan

16:00–17:30

KAFLU · T. Bostonbaev, C. Barrazueta

Kyrgyz Republic Pavilion

11 NOV WEDNESDAY

SIDE EVENT

Ensuring community participation in agrifood climate solutions to tackle hunger and build resilience

11:30–13:00

F. Grenade (Humundi)
N. Mugimba (ESAFF Uganda),

Benelux–EIB Pavilion

11 NOV WEDNESDAY

ACTION AGENDA

Axis 3 Synthesis Roundtable

From solutions to action: scaling implementation for agriculture and food security

17:30–19:00

I. Liborious (ESAFF), I. Vakacegu (PFO)

Special Event Room 2
Likya

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13 NOV FRIDAY

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

FAST Partnership and Clean Air Coalition High-Level Ministerial Event

09:00–10:30

B. Citoler

Special Event Hall 1
Uzungöl

13 NOV FRIDAY

NEGOTIATIONS

COP31 Presidency’s Open Dialogue with Observer Constituencies

11:00

Venue to be confirmed

13 NOV FRIDAY

YOUTH CLIMATE CHAMPION EVENT

Launch of Back Future Farmers

Creating Commercial Pathways for the Next Generation of Agriculture

18:00–19:30

B. Citoler

Special Event Room 2
Likya

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14 SATURDAY NOV

WRF SIDE EVENT

Women leading restorative climate transitions

From Latin America to the World

10:30–11:30

C. Barrazueta, M. Shah

With Barranquilla+20 and La Ruta del Clima

Food and Agriculture Pavilion

17 TUESDAY NOV

WRF SIDE EVENT

People-centered land governance

Securing Women's Land Rights for Climate and Economic Resilience

15:00–16:30

E. Nsimadala on behalf of WRF

With IDLO, Landesa and ILC

Side Event Room 3

18 WEDNESDAY NOV

SIDE EVENT

Legado da Agricultura Familiar nos Sistemas Alimentares para a Transição Justa

16:30–17:30

CONTAG, C. Ndjebet on behalf of WRF

Brazil Pavilion

Let’s connect in Antalya

For meetings and engagement opportunities:



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