

Climate Change and Agroforestry

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Italy to FAO in collaboration with the Fondazione Centro per un Futuro Sostenibile have the pleasure to extend an invitation to participate in a High Level event on climate change and agroforestry.

With the conclusion of UNFCCC COP22 in Marrakesh on 18 November, which is also the first conference of parties of the Paris Agreement, the world is calling for action on climate change. Countries have already indicated through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that agriculture is one of the most important sectors for both climate change adaptation needs and mitigation potential.

The opening session of the High Level Event on Climate Change and Agroforestry will provide an update from COP22 and highlight the central role of the agricultural sectors for implementing the NDCs.

Agroforestry is one of the most efficient ways of using land. As a land-use system in-between forest and open-field agriculture, it can—with appropriate combinations of trees, crops and livestock—provide a range of goods, benefits and services simultaneously, such as nutritious food, renewable energy and clean water while conserving biodiversity.

The second session will raise awareness among government, research, civil society and private sector representatives on the role agroforestry can play in developing sustainable land use systems in line with the SDGs.

Agenda

h 8.30 *Registration*

h 9.00 *Opening*

Welcome address

José Graziano da Silva, Director General, FAO

Introductory remarks

Abdelâdim Lhafi, High Commissioner for Water, Forests and the Fight Against Desertification, Kingdom of Morocco

Francesco Rutelli, President Centro per un Futuro Sostenibile

Session 1 | After Marrakech: The Climate Action Agenda and Agriculture (9.30 – 10.40)

Gian Luca Galletti, Minister of Environment and Protection of Land and Sea

Halldór Thorgeirsson, Director for Strategy at the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)

Martin Frick, Director, Climate and Environment Division, FAO

Riccardo Valentini, Strategic Manager of the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC)
Foundation, Tuscia University

Discussion

Session 2 | Delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals through Agroforestry (10.40 – 11.50)

Andrea Olivero, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies

Ren Wang, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO

Fergus Sinclair, Leader of Science Domain 1 (Agroforestry Systems), World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF)

Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza, Chair of the Board of the European Forest Institute, Tuscia University

Discussion

Conclusions

H.E. Pierfrancesco Sacco, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Italy to the UN Organizations in Rome

Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Italian and English

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