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Agroecology Dialogue Series

Dialogue 1: The interface between agroecology and territorial approaches for food systems transformation

Agenda

Date: Thursday 23 June 2022

50 participants

Format: Hybrid session via Zoom

Time: 9:00 – 17:00 CET

Language: English

In person location: Geneva, Switzerland

Agroecology and its principles are increasingly recognized as a promising pathway for providing sustainable solutions to the issues of food security and nutrition, the fight against poverty and social inequalities, the adaptation to climate change, the preservation of biodiversity and natural resources. Simultaneously, approaches that put territories at the center of development also gained attention for the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

At the same time, **territorial approaches** have gradually won traction as solutions to short-term, top-down and siloed approaches that had often been criticized for their limited results and lack of positive long-term effects. Thanks to their complex and context-specific methodology, territorial approaches have been promoted in a wide range of development projects. They were for instance one of the game-changing solutions discussed at the United Nations Food Systems Summit at the end of 2021.

Under the auspices of the Agroecology Coalition, the FAO Liaison office in Geneva, with the technical support of the FAO Scaling up Agroecology Initiative, and the Biovision Foundation are organizing a dialogue to explore how the interface between agroecology and territorial approaches can contribute to food systems transformation. This dialogue aims to understand and highlight **how the two concepts connect and complement each other to foster and accelerate a sustainable food systems transformation**. The outcomes will be synthesized in a **policy brief** that will be presented to the agroecology coalition, the various groups working on territorial approaches, countries interested in agroecological food system transformation, and international arenas like upcoming COP 27.



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Time	Item
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome and introduction to the dialogue <i>Carmenza Robledo, Moderator</i>
9:10 - 9:20	Opening remarks <i>Beth Bechdol, Deputy Director-General, FAO</i>
9:20 - 9:45	Keynote speech on the interface <i>Johanna Jacobi, Assistant Professor for Agroecological Transitions, ETH Zürich</i>
9:45 - 10:00	Q&A
10:00 - 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 - 10:45	Insights from study cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biodistrict in Parma, Italy – <i>Marianna Guareschi, UNI Parma</i>• EFICAS Project, Lao People's Democratic Republic – <i>Jean-Christophe Castella, IRD</i>
10:45 - 12:00	Group discussion sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion group 1: Complementarity between Agroecology and Territorial Approaches• Discussion group 2: The role of both approaches in food system transformation <i>Carmenza Robledo, Moderator</i>
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 14:00	Insights from study cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organic Farming Territories (OFT), Madagascar - <i>Haintsoa Nirina, Ministry of Agriculture</i>• Rede de Agroecologia ECOVIDA, Brazil - <i>Laércio Meirelles, Coordinator of Centro Ecologico</i>
14:00 - 15:15	Group discussion sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion group 3: Governance aspects that are multi-sectoral and /or multi-scale• Discussion group 4: Stakeholders, or the who in the interface between Agroecology and Territorial Approaches• Discussion group 5: Policy Instruments for Upscaling Territorial Agroecological Transformation• Discussion group 6: Enabling Conditions to facilitate agroecological transformation at the territorial level <i>Carmenza Robledo, Moderator</i>
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 - 16:45	Marketplace <i>Carmenza Robledo, Moderator</i>
16:45 - 17:00	Closing remarks <i>Dominique Burgeon, Director, FAO Liaison Office Geneva</i> <i>Emile Frison, Interim Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition</i>