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There is often a gap between societal expectations of a «transition» towards ever more sustainable food systems and the realities of the agricultural world. However, if this search for sustainability is to be effective, it cannot be done without family farmers. Throughout the world, many organizations representing family farmers hope that this will be achieved through the recognition of their role, but also of their constraints. In particular, the producer organizations (POs) want the necessary preconditions for this transition to take place with family farmers and not without them. This is what they declared together last September at the United Nations World Summit on Food Systems.

So how can we value the work of farmers in order to make food systems more sustainable?

This seminar will thus attempt to build, from the experiences of family farmers' organizations from different continents, a common but diversified narrative, as family farming is. This narrative will include the prerequisites and conditions necessary for farmers to be the actors who contribute to and benefit from this transition.

During this seminar, themes common to the North and the South will be addressed, such as food sovereignty, relocation of food, transformation of agricultural raw materials and technical sustainability of agricultural systems. After a general overview given in the morning by academics and/or experts, the afternoon will be devoted to discussions in sub-groups. These sub-groups will allow to deepen the framings of the morning, but also to discover a set of innovative projects carried out by the POs in the North as well as in the South. Finally, a report on this work at the end of the day will allow us to identify elements of a common narrative on the conditions that are necessary to engage farmers in a transition to which they contribute and benefit, just like consumers and environmental issues.



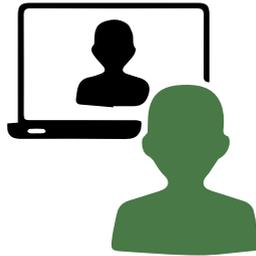


I. SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

The seminar will take place on Tuesday, November 23 and is part of the partnership week organized by the Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires from November 22 to 26, 2021. A tour of agricultural cooperatives will be organized on Thursday, November 25 and exchanges between farmers' organizations will take place throughout the week around cooperation and tools used in the framework of collaborations between POs.

The general objective of this seminar is to seek to establish solidarity and understanding among FOs from different continents of the prerequisites and conditions necessary for farmers to be the actors who contribute to and benefit from the transition, as well as consumers and environmental issues.

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23
NOVEMBER 2021
8.30 AM – 16.45 PM



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Coops Tour of 11/25/2021 :

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Language : french // Translation : English and Spanish
Participants: academics, PO leaders from the North and South, farmers, civil society organizations, public administration.

II. PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP



8h30

• **Welcome**

SESSION 1.

Introduction: «Moving food systems towards greater sustainability»: a societal challenge

9h00 – 9h15

• **Introduction**

- Seminar Objectives
- Presentation of the program and speakers

*Marek Poznanski, CSA Coordinator
& José Renard, FWA Secretary General (Belgium) (FR)*

9h15– 9h30

• **Analysis of the UN Conference on Food Systems September 2021**

Translation of societal expectations at the international level.

How does this translate for producers and how are they included?

Geneviève Parent (Québec, Canada) (FR), Professor at the Faculty of Law of Laval University in Quebec City and holder of the Legal Research Chair in Food Diversity and Security (DDSA) & Linda Collette, Strategic Advisor of the DDSA Chair

9h30 – 9h45

• **Agricultural policy and program at the Walloon level**

Sustainable food, a growing place in Walloon policy

*Inès Sneessens (Belgium) (FR), Project Manager WPS
Sustainable Food, Sustainable Development Directorate*

9h45 – 10h00

• **Introduction to the panel**

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- Introduction of panelists ;
- Reminder of the conclusions of the 2020 Seminar «What regulation of international trade is needed to defend family farming and promote food sovereignty?»

Maud Evrard, CSA Project Manager & Emilie Bosquée, FWA Director of structures and network (Belgium) (FR)

10h00 – 10h50

• **Point of view of POs**

Panel bringing together FOs from different continents to explain their position on the necessary prerequisites for family farming to establish sustainable food systems

- *Mamadou Cissokho (Senegal) (FR), Honorary President of CNCR and ROPPA*
- *Marcos Rochinski (Brazil) (ESP), National Contraf Coordinator*
- *Noland Penas (Philippines) (EN), Pakisama President*
- *Marcel Groleau (Canada) (FR), UPA President*
- *Marianne Streel (Belgique) (FR), FWA President*

10h50 – 11h20 | Questions & Answers

11h20 – 11h40 | Break

SESSION 2.

What are the conditions for this transition to SAS to be inclusive of all (young) farmers?

11h40 – 12h00 | **Theme 1. Relocalization of food: boosting local eating**
What are the necessary conditions in terms of logistics (material and organizational) and the organization of demand (particularly the question of institutional purchases) to relocalize food?
Julien NOEL (Belgium) (FR), Researcher at the CRELAN scientific chair - structuring of short food circuits

12h00 – 12h20 | **Theme 2. Transformation and distribution: the place of farmers in the chain**
What participation of farmers and POs in the food chain for more sustainability of food systems in processing and distribution?
Benjamin Guillaumé (France) (FR), Head of the Economy and Sustainable Development Department at the FNSEA

12h20 – 12h40 | **Theme 3. Technical sustainability of agri-food systems: beyond the conflicts of chapels**
Anne Trombini (France) (FR), Director at Pour une Agriculture du Vivant

12h40 – 13h00 | Questions & Answers

13h00 – 14h00 | Lunch break



SESSION 3.

Sub-group 1. Food Sovereignty

Sub-group 2. Relocation of food

Sub-group 3. Processing and distribution

Sub-group 4. Technical sustainability of agricultural systems

14h00 – 14h05

Explanations: objectives and subgroups

Orientations / questions

Emilie Bosquée, FWA Director of structures and network (Belgium) (FR)

14h05 – 15h00

Sub-group 1. Food Sovereignty

Which measures to protect local agricultural systems

- Facilitator sub-group 1 : *Ousmane Ndiaye (Senegal) (FR), ASPRODEB Director*
- Rapporteur sub-group 1 : *decided on site*
- Speakers :
 - *Noland Penas (Philippines) (EN), Pakisama President : Pakisama's Strategy to promote local rice production*
 - *A Representative of FJA (Belgium) (FR)*
 - *Nadjirou Sall (Senegal) (FR), CNCR President and ROPPA Secretary General: ROPPA work at ECOWAS to have a food sovereignty policy recognized*

Sub-group 2. Relocation of food: boosting local eating

Opportunities and constraints to the development of local industries (logistics, economy, sustainability...)

- Facilitator sub-group 2 : *Marie-Laurence Semaille (Belgium) (FR), Advisor to the FWA Research Department*
- Rapporteur sub-group 2 : *decided on site*
- Speakers :
 - *Marie Legrain (Belgium) (FR), coordinator of the Eating Tomorrow Unit*
 - *Vincent Sepult (Belgium) (FR), «Accueil champêtre en Wallonie» President*
 - *Annick Sezibera (Burundi) (FR), CAPAD Secretary General, about school canteens*

15h00 – 15h15

Break



15h15 – 16h10

Sub-group 3. Processing and distribution

The question of added-value

- Facilitator sub-group 3. *Annick Sezibera (Burundi) (FR), CAPAD Secretary General*
- Rapporteur sub-group 3. *decided on site*
- Speakers :
 - *Laura Lahon (Belgium) (FR), FWA Policy Officer: The Bel'grains cooperative - organic cereals sector*
 - *Marcos Rochinski (Brazil) (ESP), Contraf National Coordinator: Model participation of producers in a pilot chain*
 - *Gilbert Nyandwi (Burundi) (FR), CAPAD President Banana Interprofession in Burundi*

Sub-group 4. Technical sustainability of agricultural systems

- Facilitator sub-group 4. *Aurélie Noiret*
- Rapporteur sub-group 4. : *decided on site*
- Speakers :
 - *Marine D'Haene (Belgium) (FR), FWA Policy Officer - vegetal protein sector: Plant Protein Project*
 - *Pascal Gbénou (Benin) (FR), Director of the SAIN farm-school and national president of the Benin Rice Growers Consultation Council: «The SAIN farm-school in Benin: A training system for the practice of ecological agriculture»*
 - *Didier Stilmant (Belgium) (FR) Coordinator of the «Sustainability, Systems and Prospects» Department at CRA-W (Walloon Agricultural Research Centre): the role of research in supporting farmers towards increasingly sustainable food systems*

16h10 – 16h15

Sub-group reporting 1 Rapporteur 1

16h10 – 16h15

Sub-group reporting 2 Rapporteur 2

16h20 – 16h25

Sub-group reporting 3 Rapporteur 3

16h25 – 16h30

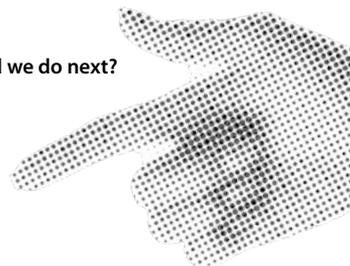
Sub-group reporting 4 Rapporteur 4

16h30 – 16h45

Conclusion

What can we learn from the seminar and what should we do next?

Conclusion by CSA, FWA and a partner from the South





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