



Independent Dialogue: **The transformative potential of the UNDFE towards sustainable, resilient, inclusive and viable food systems**

2021, June 3
Online Dialogue

(English, French and Spanish simultaneous translation)

The United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNDFE) 2019-2028, declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2017, places family farming at the centre of the international agenda by underlining that, in addition to producing the majority of the world's food, family farming plays multiple economic, environmental, social and cultural roles, which are fundamental to achieving the SDGs. The UNDFE calls on family farming to lead substantial transformations in current food systems, promoting actions which encompass the economic, social and environmental dimensions of family farming.

The UNDFE proposes a set of coherent, holistic and inter-connected policies and actions to address the environmental, economic and social dimensions of rural development and provide a bridge between emergency relief, recovery, and development contexts, while placing family farmers at the centre.

Family farming gained visibility during the Covid-19 pandemic, as the importance of local and sustainable food consumption was highlighted during the crisis. There is a clear need to redesign the way we produce, consume, trade and organize food supply chains in order to better prepare for future crises, ensuring more equitable sustainability in the food supply chains.

By stimulating the development of public policies and investment to support family farming, the UNDFE is, indeed, a key solution for local food systems. The implementation of the UNDFE 2019-2028 will unleash the unique potential of family farming in shifting towards more sustainable, inclusive and resilient food systems and addressing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Objectives of the Dialogue

The UNDFE has recognized the key role of family farmers towards ensuring global and local food security, strengthening sustainable food systems, eradicating poverty, protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. The global independent dialogue will explore the different (game-changing) opportunities created by the UNDFE to enable family farmers to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable, inclusive, viable and resilient food systems.

Methodology

The event will bring together different stakeholders in order to explore debate and shape pathways to sustainable food systems centred on family farming.

The event will take a participatory approach combining two panels of keynote speakers, discussions in plenaries and in working groups, in order to ensure knowledge sharing between the different participants. The speakers will be requested to keep their interventions short, centred on key remarks, in order to guarantee fluent dialogue and the broad participation of different stakeholders.

Simultaneous English, French and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms. Irish P. Baguilat, Coordinator of the UNDFE and Women Farmers's Agenda at AFA

	ITEM	SPEAKERS
2:00 pm	Opening of the dialogue	Ms. Laura Lorenzo , Director of the WRF Mr. Leonard Mizzi , Head of Unit for Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries, European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA)
2:10 pm	First round of discussions <i>Setting the scene: The catalytic role of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient and viable food systems</i>	Ms. Marie Haga , IFAD Associate Vice-President, External Relations and Governance Department Ms. Beth Bechdol , FAO Deputy Director-General (to be confirmed). Mr. Alberto Broch , General Secretary of COPROFAM, member of the International Steering Committee of the UNDFE LVC (to be confirmed), member of the International Steering Committee of the UNDFE



<p>2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breaking sessions guided by the following questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the relevance of family farming for building sustainable Food systems and what are the challenges they face to benefit from these systems? 2. How the different UNDFE mechanisms can contribute to the transformation of food systems? 3. What should be the role of the different actors in promoting the leading role of family farmers in the transformation of food systems? 	<p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <p>COPROFAM (Spanish) AFA (English) INADES Formation (French)</p>
<p>3:10 pm</p>	<p>Wrap-up session</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Reporters from the 3 Working groups</p>
<p>3:30 pm</p>	<p>Second round of discussion</p> <p><i>Family farming policies and practices promoted in the UNDFE as system-level solutions towards sustainable food systems</i></p>	<p>H.E. Federico Zamora, <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to FAO. President of the ISC of the UNDFE. (to be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Ms. Arianna Giuliadori, <i>General Secretary of the WFO, member of the International Steering Committee of the UNDFE</i></p> <p>Ms. Esther Penunia, <i>General Secretary of AFA, member of the International Steering Committee of the UNDFE</i></p> <p>ROPPA/PAFO, <i>member of the International Steering Committee of the UNDFE</i></p>
<p>3:50 pm</p>	<p>Conclusion remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Jean-Michel Sourisseau, <i>Socio-Economist, Deputy Director of JRU ART-Dev, CIRAD</i></p>