



MEDITERRANEAN DIET'S PRINCIPLES FOR AGENDA 2030

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A call from the past – Ancient knowledge for a sustainable management of land and water resources

The event is the third in the series of the initiative on “Mediterranean Diet’s Principles for Agenda 2030”. These events, which started in September 2019, will continue throughout 2020 with subsequent sessions designed to raise awareness on how the Mediterranean Diet principles can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, by exploring different related characteristics of the Mediterranean Diet and other traditional diets, such as biodiversity conservation, women’s empowerment, urban-rural linkages and food loss and waste management.

Climate change, unsustainable farming practices, overexploitation of natural resources have led to water scarcity, loss of soil fertility and desertification, thus the need to promote consumption patterns that preserve natural resources, biodiversity and the environment.

Mediterranean eating pattern implies sustainable agriculture, safeguarding of landscapes and has a low environmental footprint. The event will focus on the environmental sustainability of the Mediterranean Diet, highlighting how the traditional agricultural methods from the Mediterranean region can preserve key natural resources such as soils and water and help to mitigate the effects of climate change on agriculture. Similar characteristics of other traditional and indigenous agricultural systems will also be illustrated. FAO’s work on protecting and supporting these traditions will be presented.

A photo exhibition organized by **Foundation UniVerde** will be organized in the Atrium

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9.30 - 9.45

Opening remarks

- Mrs **Maria Helena Semedo** - FAO DDG Natural resources
- Amb. **Elisabetta Belloni** – Secretary General - Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Prof. **Lucio d'Alessandro** - Rector - Suor Orsola Benincasa University

9.45 - 11.30

Session 1 – Mediterranean Agricultural systems: why are they sustainable?

Moderator: Mr **Zitouni Ould-Dada**, Deputy Director, Climate and Environment Division

Introduction on Climate Smart Agriculture and Healthy Diets

Mrs **Federica Matteoli**, Project Manager Climate and Environment Division, FAO

Mrs **Anna Lartey**, Director, Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO

- Sustainable livestock and circular economy
Prof. **Fabrizio Adani** – University of Milan - Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Production, Landscape, Agroenergy
- Sustainable use of soils
Prof. **Livio De Santoli** – Sapienza University of Rome, Deputy Rector for Energy Policies
- Presentation on Transhumance, the seasonal droving of livestock along migratory routes in the Mediterranean and in the Alps (Austria, Greece, Italy) - UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage
Amb. **Massimo Riccardo** – Permanent Representative of Italy to UNESCO
Prof. **Pier Luigi Petrillo** – Lawyer - Unesco Chair on Comparative Law and Intangible Cultural Heritage- Unitelma Sapienza University
Mr. **Nicola Di Niro** – Italian National Rural Network Molise

COFFEE BREAK

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11.50 - 13.00

Session 2 – Sustainability of traditional agricultural systems

Moderator: **Eduardo Mansur, Land and Water Division, FAO**

- Presentation of a site included in FAO Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems
Amb. **Mohammad Hossein Emadi** - Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to FAO and the Rome Based Agencies and Chair of COAG
- WASAG – Water and nutrition
Mrs **Jennie Barron** - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
- Global soil partnership
Mrs **Debra Turner** - Agricultural Officer Plant Production and Protection Division - FAO
- Presentation of Africa Project, co-designed by **ENI, Coldiretti, Bonifiche Ferraresi** - Supporting economic diversification in the agricultural sector through skill transfer and business support.
Dott. **Andrea Giannotti**, International Relations, Bonifiche Ferraresi

13.00 - 13.30

Concluding session

Keynote speech “Landscapes, agriculture and sustainability”
Hon. **Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio** – President Foundation UniVerde

Closing remarks

- Mr. **René Castro Salazar** - *Assistant Director General (ADG) of Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO*
- Mr. **Ettore Prandini** – *President - Coldiretti*
- Mr. **Lorenzo Angeloni** – *Director General for Country promotion - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*
- Mr. **Giorgio Marrapodi** – *Director General for Development Cooperation – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

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