



### Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda

World Farmers' Organisation, WFO and CGIAR Centre for Climate Change,  
Agriculture and Food Security, CCAFS

Side event at COP25, Madrid

Room 5 - 4 December, from 11.30 to 13.00

## Transforming Food Systems with a Farmers Driven Climate Agenda

### THE CLIMAKERS

---

*"As farmers we live very close to nature, closer than anyone else in the world. We are the ones that work under the sun or the rain and wind. We are the ones whose production processes are most threatened by fires and by disasters. Hence, for centuries, farmers have been involved in mitigating and adapting to climate phenomena."*

*Theo De Jager, President, World Farmers' Organisation*

---

The latest IPCC report on Climate Change and Land states that Agriculture is responsible for 23% of Greenhouse Gases Emission, however this data does not take into consideration the carbon sequestration contribution of the farming sector.

The ongoing debate about food systems does not consider the whole picture, forgetting to consider, for instance, the effort farmers are putting in maintaining high the soil quality in their daily job, not to mention the potential that farmers have to prevent disasters, only by working the land.

With the Climakers initiative, Farmers worldwide, with the support of the other actors in the food value chain, the civil society, the international organizations, academia and the media, have made the proactive decision to establish a Farmers' Driven Climate Change Agenda to present the actions they are implementing already to mitigate and adapt to the climate change, by replying to the following two questions:

1. What actions are you putting in place to mitigate and adapt to the Climate Change?
2. What do you need to improve your capacity to mitigate and adapt to the Climate Change?

This event brings together farmers, researchers and the members of the Climakers Alliance to present the findings of the Climakers campaign after one year from its launch at COP24, in Katowice.

Programme of the side event:

11.30 – 11.40 – Scene setting

*Theo De Jager*, President, WFO

11.40 – 11.55 – Presentation of the main findings of the first 12 months of the Climakers

*Arianna Giuliiodori*, Secretary General, WFO and *Bruce Campbell*, Program Director, CCAFS

11.55 – 12.30 – Experiences from the Climakers Alliance

The Regional Workshops

– The Caribbean Region

*Errington Thomson*, President, Agriculture Alliance of the Caribbean (AACARI) and *Alex L. J. Shyy*, Deputy Secretary General, TaiwanICDF

– The European Region

*Jannes Maes*, President, European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) and *Anne Arhning*, CEO, Danish Agricultural Council

The Fertilizer Business Perspective: Best Management Practices on the Farm

*Bernhard Stormyr*, Head of Sustainability Management, YARA on behalf of the International Fertilizer Association (IFA)

The Perspective of Civil Society

*Nala Mueller*, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)

12.30 – 12.40 – The role of farmers in the of food systems and the future of the Climakers

*Theo De Jager*, President, WFO and *Martien Van Nieuwkoop*, Global Director, Agriculture and Food, World Bank

12.40 – 12.50 – Questions and Answers

Moderator: *Ceris Jones*, Facilitator, WFO Working Group on Climate Change

---

*The Climakers are the members of the Farmers Driven Climate Change Alliance, namely the farmers of the world, who are leading this initiative and other stakeholders – including private sector, civil society, research centres, multilateral organizations – that are committed to provide bottom-up, pragmatic and successful solutions to climate change.*

---



RESEARCH PROGRAM ON  
Climate Change,  
Agriculture and  
Food Security



International Seed Federation  
Seed is Life



**Procasur**  
Harvesting Innovations, Spreading Opportunities.

