THE CLIMAKERS EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

14 November, 2019 | Copa-Cogeca, Rue de Trèves 61

Interpretation: EN, FR, DE, ES, IT

H 9:00 - 9:15  Registration of the participants

H 9:15 - 9:30  Welcome from COPA-COGECA - Joe Healy - Vice-President COPA, Irish Farmers Association (IFA), member of WFO

H 9:30 - 09:45  Opening speech from Finland’s Presidency of the Council of the EU – Kari Valonen - Councillor, SCA Spokesperson, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU

H 09:45 - 11:00  Who is calling for a “Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda”?

Panellists
Jannes Maes - President of the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)
Theo De Jager - President of World Farmers Organisation (WFO)
Ntiokam Divine - Founder/Managing Director of Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)
Garlich v. Essen - Secretary General of EuroSeeds, representing International Seeds Federation (ISF)
Jacob B. Hansen - Director General of Fertilizer Europe, representing International Fertilizer Association (IFA)
Geraldine Kutas - Secretary General of ECPA, representing Crop Life International
Diego Osorio - Head of Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation, CGIAR - CCAFS

H 11:00 - 11:30  Coffee Break

H 11:30 - 13:00  Grazing for solutions: opportunities in the livestock sector

Speakers:
Thorbjørn Koefoed - Young farmer, Pigs (Denmark)
Claire Simonetta - Young farmer, Cattle and Sheep (Scotland)
Dr. John Gilliland - Director of Agriculture & Sustainability, Lands at Dowth, Devenish (Ireland)
Nicola di Virgilio - DG AGRI - (AGRI.DDG2.D.4, Environment, climate change, forestry and bio-economy)

**Moderator:** TBD

**H 13:00 - 14:30**
Lunch break at Atelier 29, Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 29 - 1000 Bruxelles

**H 14:30 - 16:00**
What do we sink about carbon?

**Speakers:**
Jesse Mårtenson - Young farmer & Forester (Finland)
Aldert van Weeren - Wetlands Farmer (The Netherlands)
Prof. dr. ir. Rogier Schulte - Chair Farming Systems Ecology, Wageningen University and Research (The Netherlands)
Valeria Forlin - DG Clima (Unit C.3 - Land Use and Finance for Innovation)

**Moderator:** Mariana Debernardini, Sustainability Liaison

**CEJA and WUR**

**H 16:00 - 16:30**
Coffee Break

**H 16:30 - 18:00**
The heat is on! Ensuring adaptive and resilient farming systems

**Speakers:**
Simone Petrillo - Young Farmer, mixed crops, fruit trees (Italy)
Samuel Masse - Young Farmer, vineyards (France)
Dr. ir. Tessa Avermaete - Division of Bioeconomics KU Leuven
Thaïs Leray - G Clima (Unit A.3 - Adaptation)

**Moderator:** Ksenija SIMOVIC, Communication officer at COPA-COGECA

**H 18:00 - 18:30**
Reflections and Conclusions: Key takeaways from the day and looking forward to COP25

Jannes Maes (CEJA)
Who we are:

The farmers' driven climate change agenda was adopted in May 2018 by the General Assembly of the World Farmers’ Organisation (WFO) to address these challenges and to enhance the position of farmers in the global political discussion on climate change.

The Climakers are the members of the Farmers’ Driven Climate Change Alliance, which is to say farmers and all the stakeholders in the agricultural sector that are committed to providing solutions to climate change, joining with the farmers who are leading this initiative.

Background:
Farmers are on the front line where climate change is concerned. Not only do they depend on healthy ecosystems for food production, predictable weather patterns are key to sustainable farming activities and a stable income for those working in the agricultural sector.

Farmers are particularly vulnerable to climate-change-related natural disasters, such as droughts, storms and floods. These, along with gradual processes such as rising sea levels, put pressure on the natural systems farmers depend on. The greater need for food from a growing global population adds further demands on farming systems.

Farmers’ livelihoods are closely entwined with the natural world and they therefore have an instrumental role to play in climate action. They are also central to the implementation of the global agenda for sustainable development.

Farmers are ready to rise to the challenges presented by climate change and work towards a scaled-up policy effort to meet international climate targets. Due to their crucial role they must be at the centre of the decision-making process on agriculture, at the local, national and international levels.