

WFO:

The Farmers' Voice
on the global scene



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*About WFO:
Who we are*

An Organization created by the farmers for the farmers

The World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) is a member-based association, bringing together national farmers' organizations and agricultural cooperatives from all over the world.





✓ 6 Constituencies
*Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa,
Latin America and North America*

✓ over 70 farmers' organizations

✓ 1.5 billion farmers



About WFO: Vision & Mission

The **vision** of WFO is to create the conditions for the adoption of policies and programs that can improve the economic environment and livelihood of producers and rural communities, strengthening the contribution of agriculture in tackling the challenges humankind face.

The **mission** of WFO is to represent the farmers' voice and advocate on their behalf in all the relevant international processes affecting their present and their future, ranging from the global dialogue on agriculture to nutrition and sustainability.



*About WFO:
Our Strategy*

- ✓ Representation
- ✓ Networking and Partnerships
- ✓ Policy Development
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Capacity Building

*About WFO:
Bottom-up
Approach*

*Members always at the core of WFO activities
and mission*

BOTTOM-UP APPROACH: Members decide about the mission of the organization and how to get there.



*About WFO:
What we do*

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONTEXT

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the SDGs
The Paris Agreement
The United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2018-2028)

- ✓ Food Security
- ✓ Climate Change
- ✓ Value Chain
- ✓ Livestock
- ✓ Cooperatives
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Women
- ✓ Youth

Climate Change: a crucial issue for Farmers

- ✓ Climate Change is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century with profound consequences on our planet's biodiversity and people's lives.
- ✓ No other economic sector is impacted by the effects of the changing climate more than agriculture.
- ✓ The rapidly growing global population demands higher levels of food production, putting additional pressure on the farming systems worldwide.
- ✓ Farmers are called to play a significant role to provide a sustainable future for all.

“Farmers are at the frontline of weather events, which put in strong threat their production and revenues, especially in some areas that already have high levels of food insecurity and scarce means of coping with adverse weather conditions”

Theo De Jager, President, World Farmers' Organisation





A
*FARMERS DRIVEN
Climate Change
Agenda*

A completely reversed paradigm applying an **authentic bottom-up approach**, where farmers lead the global political process on climate change, through a **renewed agenda that is farmers-driven, science-based and result oriented**.



*The
Climate Change
Alliance.
FARMERS first!*

All the farmers of the world, together with all the relevant stakeholders, are invited to take action and work together in a **Farmers Driven Climate Change Alliance!**



Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda



RESEARCH PROGRAM ON
Climate Change,
Agriculture and
Food Security



Regional Consultations

Regional workshops will be organized across the globe in 2019, 2020 and 2021: Europe, Central/North America, Latin America, Asia/Oceania, Southern and Eastern Africa, Southern and Eastern Africa.

Scope of the workshops is to raise awareness of the concept of the Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda, gather best practices from the Farmers' Organizations and establish a consultation with relevant stakeholders on its implementation.

*Expected
Output*

An **advocacy toolkit**, including best practices from the farmers, new science-based solutions and some **guidelines** based on the dialogue between farmers and other stakeholders, including industry bodies and research institutions.

It will be presented at COP25, in Chile, November 2019, to influence the National Determined Contributions that governments are called to adopt to implement the Paris Agreement.

*Expected
Outcomes*

The Nationally Determined Contributions, NDCs, that national governments are called to present to implement the Paris Agreement, will be:

- ✓ Based on the best practices farmers have already identified as practical solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- ✓ Built on new science-based solutions.
- ✓ Aligned with farmers' needs to achieve the economic viability, as well as the social and environmental sustainability of the farming sector.



Questions & Answers

Thank you!

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