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FAO, Malaysia Room, 23rd March 2017

The Permanent Representations of Italy, France and China with the collaboration of GIAHS are organizing on 23 March 2017 the following seminar "Agroecology and the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS): how can innovative systemic approaches contribute to sustainable development?"

The seminar will highlight the synergies between Agroecology and GIAHS. Both offer theoretical and practical opportunities that contribute to sustainable development. Over the past decade, most of GIAHS sites have been recognized for their use of agro-ecological practices that support sustainable agriculture and resilience of ecosystems.

Not only agroecology can play a crucial role for the long term management of GIAHS sites but GIAHS sites could also offer to agroecological approaches the knowledge provided by the ingenious agri-cultural systems of GIAHS.

Through this seminar, we will see how Agroecology and GIAHS work hand-in-hand to promote the dynamic conservation linked to the concept of agro-ecology and how they can together respond to the threats and challenges faced by communities to ensure the sustainability of GIAHS sites.

Please see below the programme

12:30 - 12:40 Introductory Remarks

- René Castro Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO
- H.E. Pierfrancesco Sacco, Permanent Representative of Italy to FAO

12:40 – 13:50 Agroecology and the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS):how can innovative systemic approaches contribute to sustainable development?

Moderator: Professor Mauro Agnoletti, Chair of GIAHS Scientific Advisory Group

- Jiao Wenjun, CAS (Chinese Academy of Sciences), China
- Stefano Canali, CREA (Council on Research on Agriculture and Economics), Italy
- Jean-François Soussana, INRA (National Institute for Agricultural Research), France
- Caterina Batello, AGPME (Ecosystem Management and Agroecology), FAO
- Yoshihide Endo, GIAHS Coordinator, FAO
- Q&A

13:50 - 14:00 Concluding Remarks

- H.E. Serge Tomasi, Permanent Representative of France to FAO
- H.E. Niu Dun, Permanent Representative of China to FAO

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