

INVITATION
to the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)
Certificate Award Ceremony and Exhibition

22-23 May 2023, FAO headquarters, Green Room

Excellencies, distinguished Permanent Representatives,

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has the honour to extend an invitation to the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Certificate Award Ceremony and Exhibition on 22 May.

The Certificate Award Ceremony will be held on 22 May in the Green Room and will consist of a high-level session, certificates handover to the representatives of the new GIAHS sites, followed by a technical session. The ceremony will be held in person and will be webcasted.

The Exhibition which will also be inaugurated on 22 May and remain until 23 May, provides an opportunity to display samples of products from agricultural systems of all new GIAHS sites providing an interactive knowledge sharing experience.

For organizational and logistical reasons, participants wishing to attend the Certificate Award Ceremony in person are kindly invited to provide the list of delegates, including their titles and full names, to be sent to the GIAHS Secretariat at: GIAHS-Secretariat@fao.org, at your earliest convenience.

Links to the webcast can be found hereunder:

- 22 May, Morning Session: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6178/icode/>
- 22 May, Afternoon Session: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6179/icode/>

Monday, 22 May: Green Room		
High Level Session		
11:00-11:05	Opening remarks	FAO Director-General
11:05-11:45	High Level Keynote Speakers	Ministers (tbc) from countries with new designated sites (Brazil, China, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia).
11:45-12:00	Break	
12:00-13:20	Handover of GIAHS Certificates to Representatives of the new GIAHS sites	• FAO Director-General • Representatives from 24 new sites: Brazil (1), China (4), Ecuador (2), Iran (2), Italy (2), Japan (2), Korea (2), Mexico (1), Morocco (2), Spain (3), Thailand (1), Tunisia (2)
13:20-13:30	Photo Session	• FAO Director-General • Representatives of the GIAHS new sites
13:30	Inauguration of the Exhibition (Atrium)	
13:30-15:00	Lunch	
Technical Session		
15:00-17:25	Presentations introducing the new GIAHS sites	Representatives from 24 new sites
17:25-17:35	Next stage of the GIAHS Programme	GIAHS Coordinator
17:35-17:45	Closing remarks	Ms Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General