**Online discussion “Agroecology and Soil Health” at FAO-TECA’s Farmer Innovation Exchange Group**

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TECA’s knowledge base provides agricultural practices which (i) are public, (ii) easy to understand for rural users, and (iii) have been previously applied by small farmers and producers.  TECA’s exchange groups are online forums to discuss agricultural challenges and solutions with practitioners, producers and experts.

The upcoming moderated online discussions on **“Agroecology and Soil Health”** will be hosted in the Farmer Innovation Exchange group:

<http://teca.fao.org/discussion/agroecology-and-soil-health>

This upcoming discussion is to follow-up with our previous discussion on “[Sustainable Farming through Agroecology](http://teca.fao.org/discussion/sustainable-farming-through-agroecology)”.

The discussion will take place from **20-Feb-2017 to 12-Mar-2017** and address the following questions:

1. How do you assess soil health in the field?
2. What are agro-ecological practices contributing to the improvement of soil health?
3. What are the benefits experienced by farmers in applying these kind of practices?
4. Where are the constraints of these practices?
5. What are the challenges farmers face on the field with regards to soil?

Many successful experiences have already been documented on various platforms of FAO, e.g. [TECA](http://teca.fao.org/technologies) and on [Agroecology Knowledge hub](http://www.fao.org/agroecology/knowledge/practices/). Based on these experiences and others, a three week discussion forum will be held to share knowledge and experiences on agroecology and successful agroecological practices and approaches.

You are invited to share your knowledge and experiences on agroecology and the successful agroecological farming practices and approaches. Contributions will be consolidated in a TECA summary sheet which will be posted on FAO TECA website.

To participate in the discussion you have to be registered on the TECA platform: <http://teca.fao.org/user/register>

Looking forward to your valuable contributions.

Best Regards,

TECA team