

UN FOOD SYSTEMS PRE-SUMMIT

"FOOD SYSTEMS AS A KEY PILLAR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MOUNTAINS"

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021

13.30 – 14.20 CEST (ROME TIME)

13.30 OPENING REMARKS &

MODERATION

François Pythoud

Special Envoy for International Sustainable Agriculture, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland

Building on the Independent dialogue, "Mountains and sustainable food systems," held in May 2021 by the Mountain Partnership Secretariat that brought together over 100 participants, this parallel session will further focus on some key recommendations and solutions on how to make food systems in mountain areas safer, stronger and more equitable.

13.40 STATEMENTS

Andrea Macchioni

Italian Development Cooperation, Chair of the Mountain Partnership Steering Committee

The session aims to be a further reinforcement of the **Action Track 3 Solution Clusters 3.1.3** objective of building a coalition of actions that integrate innovative and traditional land and water resources management solutions for mountain, highland and lowland ecosystems.

José Valls Bedeau

Policy Officer, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

The session will focus on:

- the role of mountain ecosystems and how to restore them for improving food availability to mountain populations;
- how to recognize and promote indigenous and traditional knowledge as well as the role of women and youth in mountains;
- how to make mountain value chains fair, equitable and sustainable, through targeted policies, governance, partnerships as well as innovation and technology; and
- how to strengthen the role of the Mountain Partnership as a multistakeholder coalition of governments, civil society, international organizations and private sector that contributes to provide solutions in mountain areas.

Izabella Koziell

Deputy Director General, ICIMOD

Dominique Barjolle

President, Origin, Diversity and Territories Forum

Louise Lutikholt

Executive Director, IFOAM, Organics International

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14.00 Q&A SESSION

14.15 CLOSING REMARKS

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