



Agroecology and FAO

Scaling Up Agroecology with partners



2nd International Symposium – Rome, 3-5 April 2018

- ✦ *About 100 speakers and 760 participants from 350 organizations, 72 governments and 6 United Nations agencies attended;*
- ✦ *Country representatives, policy-makers, farmers and agroecology practitioners, scientists, civil society organizations, foundations and private sector representatives;*
- ✦ *Interactive panels covering a range of key issues, from policy issues to innovative markets and co-creation of knowledge. Including innovation, financing and inter-agency cooperation;*
- ✦ *During the last day of the Symposium, launched the Scaling up Agroecology Initiative, a forward-looking proposal for action built on the outcomes of the international and regional symposia;*
- ✦ *This represents a 10–year multi-partner and stakeholder endeavor to harness practices, policies, knowledge and alliances on agroecology to achieve equitable and sustainable food systems.*



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Key Actions for Scaling up Agroecology

- ★ *Strengthen the central role of family farmers and their organizations in safeguarding, utilizing and accessing natural resources;*
- ★ *Foster experience and knowledge sharing, collaborative research and innovations;*
- ★ *Promote markets for agroecology based products for health, nutrition and sustainability;*
- ★ *Review institutional, policy, legal and financial frameworks to promote agroecological transition for sustainable food systems;*
- ★ *Take Agroecology to scale through integrated and participatory territorial processes.*



Scaling Up Initiative – current status

The Initiative aims at accompanying and supporting national agroecology transition processes by focusing on three areas and five key actions

Areas of work

I. KNOWLEDGE
AND INNOVATION

II. POLICY
PROCESSES

III. BUILDING
CONNECTIONS

Key actions to scale up agroecology

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4. Review institutional policy, legal and financial frameworks to promote agroecology transitions for sustainable food systems
5. Take agroecology to scale through integrated and participatory territorial processes

- ✦ *Defining the governance process*
- ✦ *Defining the targets*
- ✦ *Defining priority countries*
- ✦ *Starting the engagement process with partners*



Scaling Up Initiative – envisaged partners

Governments

Family Farmers and Small-scale producers

Non-state actors:

- ✦ **Academia and research organizations:** increase research on agroecology, and extend the research agenda to cost effective and massive transfer of knowledge to millions of farmers on agroecology
- ✦ **Civil society organizations:** maintain support for agroecology dynamic on the field producing knowledge and awareness and advocating for the enhancement of agroecological system worldwide
- ✦ **Small and medium enterprise and investors:** explore the potential of agroecology and different and innovative way to invest in it
- ✦ **Foundations and funders:** engage with other financiers to increase sustainable funding for agroecology
- ✦ **Consumers and citizens:** act as agents of change in the food system to promote responsible consumption, increase innovative alliances between producers and consumers





Thank you!!!

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