



Side-Event: Conservation Agriculture - a solution to address climate change and food security concerns around the world

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5 pm. to 6:30 pm - Location: COP22 - Green Area (Room 4 -Bouregreg)

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This conference will help those interested in the future of agriculture and agro-ecology to better understand the issues related to climate change, soil fertility, food security and environment, from international representatives of farmers, researchers and policy makers. The objective of this conference is to highlight the benefits of Conservation Agriculture and the needs of farmers for ensuring the dissemination of this agriculture globally, via relevant public policies.



PROGRAM

Opening remarks	Alexandre Meybeck, FAO
Pillars and benefits of Conservation Agriculture	Rachid Mrabet, INRA Morocco Amir Kassam, Moderator, Global CA-CoP, FAO
Role of Conservation Agriculture for climate change mitigation and adaptation	Emilio Gonzalez, European Conservation Agriculture Federation (ECAAF) Saidi Mkomwa, African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT)
Example of benefits for farmers and environment - Testimonies of farmers	Aziz Zine El Abidine, farmer (Morocco) Sarah Singla, farmer, Vice-President of APAD (France) Miguel Barnuevo, farmer, ASALBAC/AEACSV (Spain)
Needs of farmer and farmer organizations for adoption and dissemination of Conservation Agriculture worldwide	Maria-Beatriz Giraudo, farmer, AAPRESID (Argentina), GCAN President Benoit Lavier, farmer, APAD President (France)
Public policies to support CA, carbon storage and other ecosystem services	Tom Goddard, senior policy advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Alberta (Canada) Marie Bartz, FEBRAPDP (Brazil)
Panel: The role of civil society and public policies in the dissemination of Conservation Agriculture worldwide to address climate change, land degradation and food security / Discussion with the audience	

