

SUPPORTING AGROECOLOGICAL MOVEMENTS AND FOOD SYSTEMS

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Quick Study

We have selected four items that are quick to view and that we hope you will find thought-provoking in preparation for this session's dialogue.

Agroecology for nutritional diversity

TEDx talk by Pablo Titonnell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKtrwdsvlko>

Agroecology international movement: Declaration of the International Forum for Agroecology, Nyéléni, Mali

<http://www.foodsovereignty.org/forum-agroecology-nyeleni-2015/>

How agroecology can feed Africa: On solid ground

<http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/resources/agroecology-briefing-a5-final-lo-res.pdf>

Solar panels and solidarity: The women farmers of Edamalakudi

<http://psainath.org/solar-panels-solidarity/>

From the Panelists

Celebrating Seed, Celebrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Celebrating Continuity (video), MELCA-Ethiopia, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-hZotATmW4&feature=youtu.be>

Scaling Up Agroecological Approaches: What, Why and How? (Discussion paper) OXFAM Solidarité

http://futureoffood.org/pdfs/OXFAM_2014_Scaling_Up_Agroecological_Approaches.pdf

Scaling Up Agroecology: Toward the Realization of the Right to Food. A tool for policy change.

http://www.iatp.org/files/2013_10_09_ScalingUpAgroecology_SV_0.pdf

Seedmap.org: An online portal on seeds, biodiversity and food

<http://seedmap.org>

Additional Resources

Part 1: Agroecological Transitions

Agricultural Transition is a website created by many organizations that features a wide range of sustainable agricultural practices to show how small-scale food producers and providers can nourish a growing population, preserve the environment and contribute substantially to stop climate change. <http://ag-transition.org/>

Agroecology: Putting Food Sovereignty into Action, WhyHunger. Short articles by people from different social movements. <http://blog.whyhunger.org/2015/03/whyhunger-launches-new-agroecology-publication/>

Onwards to Food Sovereignty: the alternative Public Distribution System of the Deccan Development Society (video). Efforts by women farmers in India to rebuild biodiversity and livelihoods after the Green Revolution.

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/play/6034>

Transitioning Towards Agroecology: Using the CAP to build new food systems. With the new European Common Agricultural Policy, there are several Planned Measures that can help scale up agroecology.

<http://www.arc2020.eu/front/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/arc2020-brochure-5-with-hyperlinks.pdf> and <http://www.goodfoodgoodfarming.eu/home.html>. Accompanying the ten innovative approaches are six animated videos, one overviewing agroecology and CAP, the other five representing case studies from Ireland, UK, Baltic, Romania and Italy. <http://www.arc2020.eu/front/arc2020s-new-agroecology-project/>

Youth and agriculture: It's up to us <http://www.agriculturesnetwork.org/magazines/global/markets/youth-and-agriculture-dinesh-panday>

Part 2: Feeding Nine Billion

How to feed nine billion within the planet's boundaries: the need for an agroecological approach. Policy Brief March 2015 that recommends seven steps for an agroecological transformation of farming to feed the world within the planet's limits. Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative.

http://www.siani.se/sites/clients.codepositive.com/files/document/siani_agroecology_brief_march_4.pdf.

More resources on agroecology from SIANI available at <http://www.siani.se/event/agroecology>

Nourishing the World Sustainably: Scaling up Agroecology. Report provides evidence of the food security potential of agroecological systems and identifies the potential and constraints of scaling up agroecology.

http://aprodev.eu/files/Trade/eea_scalingupagroecology2012.pdf

Why is agroecology the solution to hunger and food security? Interview with Miguel Altieri (video). Transnational Institute, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yFvD8wuLmU>

Women at the Center of Climate Friendly Approaches to Agriculture and Water Use, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, http://www.iatp.org/files/451_2_107914.pdf

Part 3. Changing Policy

Brazil: National Plan for Agroecology and Organic Production

http://www.mda.gov.br/sitemda/sites/sitemda/files/user_arquivos_19/Mont_cartilha_planapo_ingles.pdf

France: Changing production models to combine economic and environmental performance

http://agriculture.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/ProjetGB_cle8a75db.pdf

India: Government of Kerala Order for Agroecological Planning and Development

http://kerala.gov.in/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=959&limitstart=80 (Click on 12904_14)

National programs in agroecology, compiled by FAO, <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/afns/national-programs/en/>

USA: Trends in U.S. Local and Regional Food Systems: A Report to Congress. An overview of local and regional food systems across several dimensions. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ap-administrative-publication/ap-068.aspx>

Part 4: Agroecology Support from Academia and Foundations

Agroecology and Alternative Agri-Food Movements in the United States: Toward a Sustainable Agri-Food System, by Margarita Fernandez, Katherine Goodall, Meryl Olson, and V. Ernesto Méndez, University of Vermont. This article examines the relationship between agroecology and alternative agri-food movements and identifies opportunities for greater engagement.

http://www.uvm.edu/gjee/pubpdfs/Fernandez_2013_Agroecology_and_Sustainable_Food_Systems.pdf

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Economic Impacts of Local Food Systems: Future Research Priorities by Jeffrey K. O'Hara and Rich Pirog. Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development,

<http://www.agdevjournal.com/component/content/article/355-economic-impacts-of-local-food-systems-future-research-priorities.html>

Scientists' Support Letter for the International Symposium on Agroecology, FAO, 18-19 Sept 2014,

<https://agroecopeople.wordpress.com/2014/09/18/text-of-scientists-support-letter-for-the-international-symposium-on-agroecology-18-19-september-2014/>

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