

IX International Congress of Agroecology

Raising local agroecology-based food systems

[Seville, January 19, 20 and 21 of 2023]

The Agroecosystems History Laboratory of the Pablo de Olavide University together with the think tank Alimentta are glad to announce you the next IX International Congress of Agroecology to be held in Seville (Spain) on January 19, 20 and 21, 2023. The theme of the congress is focused on Agroecology-Based Local Food Systems (SALBAs in Spanish). The most suitable way of scaling up SALBAs is the expansion and consolidation of the many alternative food experiences that have emerged in recent times, in order to develop synergies between them. This requires strengthening the actors of the food chain and establishing solid alliances between them so that production and consumption together can set up alternative food systems to the corporate one. In recent years, both social innovation experiences and discussions on how to scale them have proliferated, but there are still many issues to be resolved regarding the process of implementing SALBAs. Precisely for this reason, this congress seeks to generate a space for exchange and collective debate that serves to monitor progress of the agroecological transition and, more specifically, of the SALBAs.

On the other hand, the organizing team of this congress is concerned about the growing gaps that are taking place between the Global South and North, between the countryside and the city, and between production and distribution and consumption. In the case of Spain, the gap is evident in how little ingrained is the agroecological discourse among male and female farmers, while many urban experiences are far from the interests and claims being raised by the agrarian mobilizations. Our intention for this congress is to constitute a space for discussion and debate on how to bridge these gaps and establish alliances between those who operate in production and those in consumption. Also, we want this to be a place to claim the key role of women in addressing these problems and in advancing the agroecological transition in general.

As corresponds to an agroecology congress, the theme is open to the subjects raised by participants, but communications addressing issues or experiences related to design and construction of local food systems based on agroecology, management of agroecosystems at a farm and landscape scale, production of agroecological technologies, nutrition and changes in diet, social communication and agroecological art, rural depopulation, agroecological management of water, adaptation and mitigation of climate change, will be especially welcome. We also want to integrate in our reflection the issues related to sustainable and artisanal fishing; and finally, the necessary discussion about public policies at the different scales in which they operate.

Because of both scientific and collective action dimensions are required in an agroecology congress, two types of activities are proposed: on the one hand, the discussion and systematization of agroecological



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experiences, especially in the field of local food systems ; and on the other, the discussion of advances in the field of agroecological research through communications organized in panels, round tables, oral presentations and posters.

Call for papers: The deadline for the presentation of communication proposals is open, as experiences or scientific contributions. Those interested in participating should send to agroecologia2023@upo.es a proposal of roundtable, panel or individual communication with an extension of up to 500 words long (in Spanish, Portuguese or English), including the title, authorship and abstract. Submission will be open from the publication of this circular until April 30, 2022. The proposals will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the congress during the following two months. Acceptance of the proposed communications, roundtables and panels, and the selected modality of presentation, whether oral or poster, will be communicated at the beginning of July.

It is the purpose of the organization of the congress to select for publication those communications that, due to their interest or current perspective, are relevant to the scaling up of agroecology. This publication will take the form of a special issue in an impact journal or in an open access book.

For more information, please visit the congress website: www.congresoagroecologia2023.es



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The Organising Committee



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