

EXPO Milan 2015 Feeding the Planet – Energy for Life

22 May 2015 - International Day for Biological Diversity
High Level Event on Biodiversity, Food and Sustainable Development
Biodiversity Park, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Provisional Agenda

2:30 p.m.	<p>Introduction of the High-Level Session Valerio Rossi Albertini, National Research Council, Italy</p> <p>Welcome by Gian Luca Galletti, Italian Minister of Environment, Land and Sea</p>
2:45 p.m.	<p>Key-Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries • David Cooper, Principal Officer Science, Convention on Biological Diversity CBD • Alfredo Pérez de Armiñán, ADG Culture, UNESCO • José Graziano da Silva, Director-General FAO • Inger Andersen, Director-General IUCN • Gian Luca Galletti, Italian Minister of Environment, Land and Sea • Enrique Lendo, International Affairs Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico
4:15 p.m.	<p>Introduction to the Good Practices Session Valerio Rossi Albertini, National Research Council, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlo Blasi, Director, Interuniversity Research Centre “Biodiversity, Plant Sociology and Landscape Ecology”, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy • Juan Andrés Gutiérrez, President EUROMONTANA, European Association of Mountain Areas • Anita Paul, Asian Regional Director, International Association for Community Development, India • Gloria Lòpez Morales, Director, Conservatorio de la Cultura Gastronómica Mexicana, Mexico • Tek Jung Mahat, Researcher Integrated Knowledge Management, Nepal • Gilberto Garuti, Agroittica Acqua&Sole SpA, Giussago, Italy • Cesare Ronchi, Sustainable Agriculture Project Barilla, Italia • Cristiana Peano, Slow Food Foundation
5:45 p.m.	<p>Comments and Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Carmela Giarratano, Director-General, Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea

The event will be followed by a light dinner offered to all participants by the organisers



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Concept Note

Considering the International Day for Biological Diversity theme 2015 “Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”, Humanity’s fate is tightly linked with biological diversity – the variety of life on Earth. Biodiversity is essential for sustainable development and human well-being. The examples are plenty:

- ✓ Biodiversity is a vital asset in global and local economies
- ✓ Food production depends on biodiversity and the services provided by ecosystems
- ✓ Clean and secure supplies of water also depend on biodiversity
- ✓ Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning provide goods and services essential for human health – including nutrients, clean air and water and regulation of pests and vector-based diseases
- ✓ Biodiversity is the basis for sustainable livelihoods
- ✓ Traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity is also important and has value not only to those who depend on it in their daily lives but to modern industry and agriculture as well
- ✓ Biodiversity is the cornerstone of the work, belief systems and basic survival of many women
- ✓ Biodiversity plays a major role in mitigating climate change by contributing to long-term sequestration of carbon in a number of biomes
- ✓ Even the built environments of our cities are linked to and affected by biodiversity

Considering international and European texts and commitments, such as, among others:

- ✓ International Conventions on Biological Diversity, Cultural Diversity, Intangible Cultural Heritage, Cultural Landscape
- ✓ Regional and national strategies for biodiversity
- ✓ EC Communication “Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage”
- ✓ Charter of Rome on Natural and Cultural Capital
- ✓ Charter of Milan on the Right to Food

Our event aims to highlight some key policy and science aspects, in particular:

- ✓ Biodiversity and human rights to goods and services from nature (water, food, recreation)
- ✓ Healthy food linked to people, places, local knowledge, skills and traditional practices
- ✓ Heritage in its multiple dimensions and benefits
- ✓ Ecosystems conservation state and restoration for goods and services provision
- ✓ Agro-silvo-pastoral productive landscapes, risks control, climate change adaptation
- ✓ Spaces for health, well being, recreation, tourism, shared values between local and global
- ✓ Quality of metropolitan areas with nature-based solutions, green infrastructures
- ✓ Biodiversity and “Ecology as permanent Economy”
- ✓ People, places, production, participation, entrepreneurship, rights and responsibilities sharing