



# Programme Information

<b>Title</b>	<i>Farmers' Dialogue International</i>
<b>Acronym</b>	<i>FDI</i>
<b>Short Description</b>	<i>Where farmers renew their calling to feed the world</i>
<b>Type</b>	<i>International or regional dialogues, sharing of experiences, farm visits and facilitated training.</i>
<b>Frequency and Timing</b>	<i>At the initiative of national teams - one international dialogue bi annually and regional events according to local teams.</i>
<b>Location(s)</b>	<i>Dialogues (23) have taken place in rural areas (15 countries) where a request has been submitted to FDI Committee.</i>
<b>Active since</b>	<i>Beginning informally in the 70's, then in 1994 as an Initiatives of Change (IofC) programme and from 2013 as a legal entity.</i>
<b>Context</b>	<p><i>Farmers feel the need to share their experiences beyond borders, to think together their purpose to produce food. For their voices to be heard when developing links between personal change and commitment and rural and agricultural globally.</i></p> <p><i>Food supply is a major issue in the world, poverty and hunger are huge challenges and farmers need to be at the forefront in developing solutions.</i></p>
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<i>Farmers making a sustainable contribution to food production and rural development, being valued for their endeavours, recognized and taken seriously by the policymakers planning for a world without poverty and hunger.</i>
<b>Process and Approach</b>	<p><i>International farmers' dialogues: duration of five to seven days with two to three days of farm visits or farm stays, enough time for direct exchanges between farmers.</i></p> <p><i>FDI has also developed training sessions of five days, based on the manual built by Foundations for Freedom specifically for farmers.</i></p> <p><i>FDI is making sure that farmers are the main speakers and uses facilitators or trainers coming mainly from IofC International / F4F network</i></p> <p><i>Participants are invited to take part in the meetings, workshops and discussion groups. Recognising that most participants are farmers and after the dialogue, they will return to their home, their farms and apply what they have learnt.</i></p>
<b>Impact</b>	<i>Real impact of individuals and of group of farmers in their personal, local and national situations. A realization that their position is not an isolated example, that they are part of a global effort to produce food. Farmers gain new insights into their own lives and on their task as food producers.</i>
<b>Testimonials</b>	<i>The FDI Website has published a number of "personal stories" which explain what has happened to them along their path with FDI, and especially the link between personal change and rural development.</i>
<b>Target Audience</b>	<p><i>Farmers, agriculturalists are the main focus. Every person in the food chain – from production to consumption – needs to fully understand how and where the food is produced.</i></p> <p><i>Any farmer who feels more needs to be done in the sustainable production of food and is ready to get involved in improving the way he/she is living and working.</i></p>

For representative profiles of past participants,  
go to [www.farmersdialogue.org](http://www.farmersdialogue.org) Voir [www.farmersdialogue.org](http://www.farmersdialogue.org)

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**Funding** *Up until now, FDI activities have been mainly funded through personal gifts, contributions and vocational work of the participants. Some IofC national bodies and IofC related funding bodies have been crucial in helping with some initiatives (training sessions, participation at Caux sessions and targeted funding for individuals to attend dialogues).*

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**Donate** *1- Small projects to enable the development of teamwork and projects in countries where dialogues have been held and also to respond to many other countries where the request to hold a dialogue has not yet been answered.  
2- To implement the recent five-year development Plan requiring approximately 100 000 € per year in order to secure sustainable development of the international organization (two coordinators and funding for specific events and travels).*

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**Online Presence** [www.farmersdialogue.org](http://www.farmersdialogue.org)  
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**Contacts** *Names and contacts are already on FDI website for questions, contact and requests.*

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