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Initiatives of Change

Invitation



Farmers' Dialogue

Initiatives of Change and its programme
'Farmers' Dialogue'
invite you to an

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF FARMERS

**'Facing the challenges of sustainable development
globalisation and the needs of society'**

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**INTERNATIONAL
MEETING OF
FARMERS, NEAR
ANGERS**



'Farmers' Dialogue'

A commitment to feed the world and care for the planet.

November 23 - 30, 2007

Les Jardins de l'Anjou, La Pommeraye (near Angers) - France



In partnership with the Chambre d'Agriculture of Maine et Loire

Programme of the meeting

Practicalities

This meeting was requested by African and Indian farmers keen to discover the facts about French agriculture. It is aimed at gathering farmers from countries in all parts of the world and all backgrounds, as well as those from the local area. You are invited to come and share your experiences, difficulties and hopes, and discuss the role of farmers, today and into the future.

FRIDAY 23RD TO MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Stay with farm families of the region

AIM : To provide direct contacts and exchanges of experiences in order to facilitate understanding of agricultural and rural development in France.

MONDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Farmers' Dialogue – La Pommeraye

MONDAY

AFTERNOON

Official welcome of the participants : 'Agricultural development in France and beyond - farmers, their role, work, difficulties and hopes.'

EVENING

Audio-Visual presentation : 'The challenges of the environment.'

TUESDAY

MORNING

'Agricultural and rural development worldwide - what is the future for the farmers ?'

AFTERNOON

Debate : 'Practical consequences for farmers of climate change and the need to protect the environment.' With the participation of Christiane Lambert (Vice-Président of the French Farmers National Union - FNSEA) and a leader in the environmental movement.

WEDNESDAY

MORNING

'Farmers' role, society's expectations and globalisation.'

AFTERNOON

Field visits. Choose between : Terrena Cooperative, Experimental Farm, 'Maison Familiale', ...

THURSDAY

MORNING

'Strength and weakness, successes and failures of farming policies – what lessons are to be learnt ?'

AFTERNOON

Forum of Professional Farmers Organisations : this meeting is designed to enable participants to ask questions of farmers and organisations working with farmers.

FRIDAY

MORNING - Conclusions – Official speeches.

AFTERNOON - Departure.

LOCATION

The meeting will take place in an area well-known for its agriculture, with family farms and a wide range of farming practices including mixed farming, vegetable, fruit, vineyards, cattle, milk ... The professional organisations are very dynamic in this area making it an ideal place to discover what has enabled such strong development since the 1950s.

COSTS

Cost for the whole program (accommodation, visits and meals) : 320 Euros.

The organising committee is hoping to cover part of the cost of travel and stay of farmers coming from poorer countries. Those wishing to help financially towards this should contact one of the organisers.

TRANSPORT

TGV connection to Angers from Paris, Lille, Marseille and from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. Nantes also has an international airport.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Mr, Mrs, Ms) :

Address :
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Tél. : E-mail :

I will arrive by :
(Circle mode of transport) Car Train Aeroplane

I wish to participate in the conference and require further information.
Applications must be received by the end of September.

I wish to support the conference financially and send a donation of Euros to 'Initiatives et Changement'.
Contributions and conference fees should be sent to Claude Bourdin and be made payable to 'Initiatives et Changement - France'.