

# International Farmers' Dialogue

## PROGRAMME

### FROM FRIDAY 23 TO MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER

#### Stay with farmers of the region

17h30: Welcome to the Chambre d'Agriculture (Maine et Loire) by M. Cesbron, President.

18h30: Welcome to host families. Local farmers and board members of professional organisations (Chambre d'Agriculture, AFDI, cooperatives, farmers unions, Young Farmers).

### FROM MONDAY 26 TO FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

#### International Farmers' Dialogue - la Pommeraye

##### MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

###### ❖ MORNING

10h30: Arrival of the participants in La Pommeraye - Welcome and introduction.

###### ❖ AFTERNOON - Opening session

14h30: - Introduction of the participants to the meeting

- Presentation of the Farmers' Dialogue

- Official welcome by the authorities: Marie-Ginette Constantin, mayor of La Pommeraye ; Sylvain Marty, Departemental director of Agriculture ; Jean-François Cesbron, president of the Chambre d'Agriculture.

- Practical arrangements for the meeting - and break (16h - 16h30)

16h30: - Maurice Réveillère, former president of the Chambre d'Agriculture of Maine et Loire: «Agricultural development in my experience as a farmer»

- Martin Simtenda, teacher in an agricultural training center - Tanzania: «The realities of Agricultural Development»

- Phil Jefferys, Farmer- Australia: «The Farmer, his mission, his work, his difficulties and hopes»

###### ❖ EVENING - «The farmers facing the challenges of sustainable development, globalization and the needs of the society» (audiovisual presentations):

- Jim Wigan, Farmers' Dialogue coordinator - Grande-Bretagne

- Christian Gaudin, Senator, member of the evaluation committee of the Senat for the scientific decisions - France

##### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

###### ❖ MORNING - «The world agricultural and food situation; reasons, consequences and perspectives of long-term development»:

- Jamil Ssebalu, University principal - Uganda

- George Kamau, farmer - Kenya

- Marcel Mazoyer, agronomist, INA - PG

###### ❖ AFTERNOON - Public debate at 14h30: «The practical consequences for the farmers of climate change and the need for protection of the environment»,

with the involvement of Christiane Lambert, Vice-president of the FNSEA and Jérôme Mousset, ingénieur agriculture at the ADEME. Facilitator: Jean-Claude Le Berre, communication director of the Chambre d'Agriculture de Loire-Atlantique

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

- ❖ **MORNING** - «**The Farmers' role, society's expectations, globalization, and the organization of the agricultural markets**», debate with Bruno Parmentier, director of the Group ESA - Angers.
- ❖ **AFTERNOON** - **Field visits**. Choose between: local set up of Cooperative Terrena, Cooperative of insemination (AI Centre), Experimental Farm of the Chambre d'Agriculture, «Maison Familiale»

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29

- ❖ **MORNING** - «**Strengths and Weaknesses, successes and failures of the farming policies; what lessons are to be learnt?**», with :
  - Troy Roush, farmer - Indiana, USA
  - Mr and Mrs Mahato, farmers - India
  - Dominique Tremblay, first vice-president of the economic commission of the Regional Council of Les Pays de la Loire
- ❖ **AFTERNOON** - **Forum of the agricultural organizations working alongside the farmers** : Chambre d'Agriculture, unions, insurance, credit, AFDI, development, extension groups...
- ❖ **EVENING** - Festive Evening with contributions from the participants.

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

- ❖ **MORNING** - **Closure of the meeting:**
  - Findings, perspectives, and acknowledgments from the organisers
  - Reflections and décisions of the participants (Host families, foreign participants, local farmers, premises, professional persons.
  - Jean Fayet, President of Initiatives of Change France
  - Stéphane le Foll, member of the European Parliament
  - Christophe Réveillère, President of the Young Farmers Union of Maine et Loire
- ❖ **AFTER LUNCH**  
**End of the meeting - Departure.**

### TIMETABLE OF THE DAY (except particular indications)

Breakfast from 7h30

Lunch: 12h30

Dinner: 19h

Morning session: 9h-10h15 and 10h45-12h

Afternoon: according to program

Evening: 20h30



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