



“Towards the G8 Agriculture: African farmers’ organizations take the floor”

Wednesday 15 April 2009

15.00 to 19.00

Sala delle Statue, Coldiretti

Via XXIV Maggio, 43

Rome

Opening: Luca Zaia, Italian Minister of Agriculture*

Farmers address the G8 Agriculture

Chair: A President of an African farmers’ network

Introduction to the workshop

- o Presentation of the Declaration of the African farmers’ networks addressed to the G8 Agriculture, by an African farmers’ delegate
- o Consignment of the Declaration to the Italian Authorities responsible for the G8: Minister of Agriculture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Presidency of the Council
- o Presentation of the Declaration of the G8 Farmers’ Union Meeting: Sergio Marini (President of Coldiretti)

African and Italian farmers’ organizations in dialogue

Round Table 1: **Can family farmers feed the world? Under what conditions?**

Chair: Nora McKeon (Terra Nuova)

- o Presentations: An African farmers’ network; Andrea Ferrante (Associazione Italiana di Agricoltura Biologica-AIAB); Coldiretti
- o Reactions: FAO; IFAD
- o Discussion

Coffee break

Round Table 2: **What participation by farmers’ organizations in the governance of food and agriculture?**

Chair: Antonio Onorati (Centro Internazionale Crocevia)

- o Presentations: An African farmers’ network; Francesco Benciolini (Associazione Rurale Italiana-ARI)
- o Reactions: President of the Bureau of the World Food Security*; Coordinator of the UN High Level Task Force*
- o Discussion

Towards Treviso and beyond

- o Building public awareness on food and agriculture issues in the Italian regions in the context of ItaliAfrica-Terre Contadine: Federico Peroti (CISV)
- o Declaration of the Italian Committee for Food Sovereignty (CISA) directed to the G8 Agriculture: Sergio Marelli (President, CISA)

Conclusions: the three moderators

*to be confirmed

Interpretation in English, French and Italian

A coffee break will be served in the course of the seminar

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