



Celebration of World Environment Day 2021 Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainable Food Production and Consumption

Date: 3 June 2021 | 14:00-16:30 Beijing Time (GMT)+8 **Language:** Chinese

Venue: IGSNRR, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing

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Background

SWITCH-Asia is the programme funded by the European Union (EU) to promote sustainable consumption and production (SCP) across the Asian Region. The SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC), implemented by United Nations Environment Programme, is designed to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production and thereby contributing to green growth and reduction of poverty in Asian countries.

The World Environment Day (WED) takes place every year on 5th June. It is the United Nations' flagship day for promoting worldwide awareness and action for the environment. This year's observance of World Environment Day will be on the theme of 'ecosystem restoration' and focus on resetting our relation with nature. It will also mark the formal launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030.

This year, 2021, RPAC plans to celebrate the WED, with the theme of 'Ecosystem Restoration' this year and the key message is 'Reimagine. Recreate. Restore', and advocate SCP with a focus on farmland ecosystem and sustainable consumption and production in China. Farmlands now cover more than one-third of the Earth's land surface and are perhaps our most vital ecosystems to sustain human-kind. In China, farmland is facing multiple challenges, including food security risk, ecosystem degradation, reduction of cultivated land and climate change, due to the rapid industrialization, urbanization, and increased population.

Restore agricultural ecosystems by using nature, such as using crop rotations, and growing more diverse crops and integrating them with livestock would boost farm productivity. The resource circularity in food production and consumption can also contribute to the development of resilient ecosystems, such as increased agricultural efficiency through local production of food, enhanced ecosystem by adopt of agro-ecological practices and food waste composting.

Objective

To highlight environmental issues and raise awareness on links between ecosystem restoration and sustainable food consumption and production.

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Agenda

14:00-14:10

Welcome Remarks

Ms. WANG Qian, Programme Management Officer, UNEP China Office

Opening Remarks

Ms. FENG Mei, Programme Officer, EU Delegation to China

14:10-14:30

Keynote Speech

Soil-Food-Environment-Health Nexus for Sustainable Development

Mr. ZHU Yongquan, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences

14:30-15:30

Panel I: Reimagining and Restoring Ecosystem by Sustainable Food Production and Consumption – Experts' Insight

Topics:

- What are the current situation and major challenges of sustainable food production and consumption, and what are the impacts on the environment and the ecosystems?
- How to understand the connections between farmland ecosystem and circular economy? What is the current situation of resource efficiency and circularity during food production/farming process, consumption and post-consumption, and their impacts on ecosystems?
- How to understand the connections between farmland ecosystem and food consumption, and how do food consumption and reducing food waste contribute to ecosystems?
- What are the roles of women in sustainable food consumption and production, and how to empower rural women for transformation to a sustainable food system and resilient ecosystems?

Panelist:

- Ms. FU Xiaotian, World Resource Institutes (China Office)
- Mr. DONT Le, FAO Representation in China
- Mr. LIU Gang, Professor, University of Southern Denmark
- Mr. WU Zidan, Professor, Jilin University / Former Vice President, State Administration of Grain
- Mr. DONG Zhanfeng, Environmental Planning Institute, Ministry of Ecology and Environment
- Ms. LIU Xiaojie, Associate Professor, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Ms. WANG Qing, Programme Analyst, UN Women in China

Moderator: Ms. ZHENG Lixia, SWITCH-Asia RPAC National Coordinator for China, UNEP China Office.

Q & A among panel speakers (15 minutes)

15:25-16:20

Panel II: Cases sharing on sustainable food production and consumption contributing to resilient ecosystems

Topics:

- Sustainable food production - traditional nomadic husbandry and organic agriculture
- Sustainable food consumption - business practices that reduce food waste
- Empowering women and youth in sustainable food production and consumption

Panelist:

- Mr. DING Wenguang, professor, School of Resources and Environment, Lanzhou University
- Ms. ZHANG Tingting, co-founder and vice president, Organic and Beyond Corporation (OABC)
- Ms. YU Xin, SWITCH-Asia GRANT on reducing food waste in China, WWF
- Mr. JIANG Ning, Beijing Convenience Bee Chain Business co. Ltd.
- Ms. ZHANG Chenyang, Bon Café+: A Pilot Cafe Program
- Ms. MA Yunxiao, Student Green Association, Tsinghua University
- Mr. OUYANG Huiyu, Food Policy Officer, Good Food Fund (CBCGDF) / Youth Chair of UNFSS-AT2 China Action Hub

Moderator: Ms. FENG Mei, Programme Officer, EU Delegation to China

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16:20-16:35

Join #GenerationRestoration:

One sentence or one key word shared by each speaker to call for actions and behavior change on sustainable food production and consumption for resilient ecosystems.

16:35-16:40

Conclusion

Ms. FENG Mei, Programme Officer, EU Delegation to China

Ms. WANG Qian, Programme Management Officer, UNEP China Office

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