**Side Event UN Climate Change Conference November 2023 (COP 28)**

**Shifting the Paradigm: Towards Just, Equitable Low-Emission Food Systems through Agroecology**

**Date: 11 December   
Time: 16:45—18:15**

**Room: SE Room 4 (125 pax)  
Format: Hybrid**

**Theme:**   
Food Systems need to change to deliver multiple benefits - biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and food security - in a just and equitable way. This session discusses the potential of an agroecological paradigm shift with perspectives coming from science, Rio Convention, member state and indigenous communities.

**Provisional Programme**

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| 5 min | **Opening**  Background/Welcome | Moderator  Oliver Oliveros, Agroecology Coalition |
| 10 min | **Framing presentation**  (Note: Framing on need to shift paradigm towards more agroecological, low-emission food system) | Lou is Verchot, CGIAR |
| 40 min | **Reactions and perspectives**  *Round 1: Each discussant to provide a 3-minute opening statement on their perspective on how a just, equitable, low-emission food systems through agroecology can be achieved; Emphasis on just and equitable dimension of food system;*  *No PPTs*  *Round 2: Can you give us an example of what you and your constituency group are doing to promote a just, equitable and low-emission food systems via agroecology?*  *Round 3: Can agroecology be a motivation to promote low-emission food systems and/or vice-versa? In what contexts have you seen it work?   If relevant, moderator invites other discussants to react to another panel member’s response*  *Moderator to ask a common question (or two, if time allows) for all the panel discussants to respond to. Possible questions:*  *We are at the tail-end of COP28, from what you've heard and observed on how negotiations are taking place,...*  *Q1: What were you hoping that this COP cover, discuss and resolve insofar as ensuring a low-carbon, just and equitable food systems? Has this been tackled?*  *Q2:Where does this Dubai COP lead us next year in COP29?*  *Q3: What needs to be done more of / less of to move towards the direction we want to achieve? What does your constituency group do towards this end?*  ***Last round:*** *Moderator to ask each discussant for their take-away message*   * Indigenous Peoples * Gender * Member State * Rio Convention * Civil Society | *Moderator*  Francisco Rosado May, TIP/UIMQRoo  Anne Rietveld, Alliance Bioversity CIAT  Mujuni Kamwesige Mtembei, Ministry of Agriculture of Tanzania ( online)  Monica Kobayashi, CBD or CBD rep  WWF - Natasja Oerlemans, WWF NL Role of AE in NDCs |
| 30 min | **Discussion with the Audience** | *Moderator* |
| 5 min | **Reflections / Closing** | Marcela Quintero, CGIAR Agroecology Initiative; DDG Alliance Bioversity-CIAT (online) |