In a recent report, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) underlines the threat to our food system and more generally to our environment due to the loss of biodiversity. **Organic farming is a production method that preserves the environment.**

Agence BIO organizes a seminar to carry out a collective and participatory reflection. Several global stakeholders of the organic sector will present their commitment towards available and affordable organic products, as well as international trade that is respectful of nature and working conditions.

As the negotiations for the next Common Agricultural Policy are currently ongoing, the seminar will end with a discussion on payments for environmental services and the funding schemes promoting nature conservation actions by organic farmers.

**Tuesday 18th June 2019**
From 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Espace du Centenaire (Maison de la RATP) - 189, rue de Bercy - Paris 12e

**9:30 am: General Introduction**
« The state of the world’s biodiversity for food and agriculture » - FAO

**11:00 am: 1st Round Table**
Towards an organic food available and affordable to all

**2:00 pm: 2nd Round Table**
Towards fair organic trade

**3:30 pm: 3rd Round Table**
Towards payments for environmental services

**5:00 pm: Conclusion**
By M. Didier Guillaume
French Minister for Agriculture and Food

**Be an ACTOR of the International seminar.**
Because every question matters, you will be able to interact during the event via the Slido platform by asking your question live - #EnjeuxBIO
## Welcome coffee
9:00 - 9:30 am

**Moderator:** Jean-Louis Caffier

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- Discussion with the audience -

## Organic lunch
12:30 am - 2:00 pm
### 2nd round table

**2:00–3:30 pm  Towards fair organic trade**

**Michel REYNAUD** - Member of the board of IFOAM Europe
The organic market worldwide

**Elena PANICI** - Deputy Head of the Organic Unit of DG agriculture of European Commission
Organic regulations: future changes

**Sébastien BALMISSE** - Cocoa programs and Quality Manager Kaoka
Long-term partnerships between Kaoka and cooperatives

**Vincenzo LINARELLO** - Founder and President of GOEL Cooperative Group (Italy)
GOEL Bio: an ethical cooperative

- Discussion with the audience -

### 3rd round table

**3:30–5:00 pm  Towards payments for environmental services**

**Vincent MARTINET** - Director of Research at INRA
Payment for environmental services: what are the issues?

**Pascal OLIVIER** - Responsible Antenne Romande at BIO Suisse
Ecological direct payment: a reality since 1993

**Franck SOLACROUP** - Director of the Water Resources and Aquatic Resources Department at Adour-Garonne water agency
The Payments for environmental service for the preservation of water quality?

**Marie BEUCHET** - Organic farmer and CEO of SA Naturalba (Costa Rica)
Which tools for the preservation of the forest?

- Discussion with the audience -

### Conclusion

**5:00 pm  Conclusion of the International Seminar on Organic Farming**

**Closing address by Mr Didier Guillaume,**
French Minister for Agriculture and Food
Philippe HENRY  
President of Agence BIO

Philippe Henry has been President of Agence BIO since May 2019. He has been a farmer in Meurthe-et-Moselle for 22 years. He has 160 hectares in field crops and he raise cattle and laying hens. He is very involved in the development of organic farming. During 9 years he was President of Probiolor, a 100% organic cooperative in Lorraine. He is also a member of the Basin Committee and Administrator of the Rhine-Meuse Water Agency.

Julie BELANGER  
Commission of Genetic Ressources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), coordinator of ”The state of the world’s biodiversity for food and agriculture”

Julie Bélanger joined the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 2013 as Technical Officer, Biodiversity and Environment. For the past 5 years, she has coordinated the preparation of the report on The state of the world’s biodiversity for food and agriculture, launched in February 2019.

Previously, at Statistics Canada, she worked on the Canadian Census of Agriculture and on various research projects. She holds a Ph.D. in Plant Science from McGill University.

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Florent GUHL
Director of Agence BIO

Florent Guhl is Director of Agence BIO. National platform for information and consultation for the development, promotion and structuring of French organic sector, Agence BIO has been conducting a study for 15 years on the perception of organic farming and its products by the French. It also manages an european and world observatory of the organic sector.

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Coordinator at the National Federation for Organic Agriculture in Senegal, he is in charge of setting up a participatory guarantee system for the creation of the "Bio Senegal" label.

This local certification allows quality control, the marketing of organic products at a fair price and better visibility.

Lee HOLDSTOCK
Commercial Relations Manager - Soil Association (United Kingdom)

With over 20 years of experience in the development of organic food and textile, Lee Holdstock assists companies in sustainable development, communication, sourcing and product marketing.

The Soil Association is the 1st organic certification body in the United Kingdom.

Ewa SUFIN-JACQUEMART
Member of Dobrze Cooperative (Poland)

Ewa Sufin-Jacquemart is a member of the Dobrze cooperative in Warsaw, the first organic cooperative in Poland, and president of the Strefa Zieleni Foundation. The two organizations are part of the nine founding organizations of the Living Earth Coalition (Koalicja Żywa Ziemia), for agroecology and another CAP, founded in October 2018.

Catherine CLOSSON
Scientific collaborator at the Center for Economic and Social Studies of the Environment, Free University of Brussels

She has been working for several years on the issue of access to sustainable and quality food for vulnerable people. She advises and assists public and associative structures on this issue aiming to combine ecological transition and social justice.

From 2015 to the end of 2018, she coordinated the Falcoop, a participatory action research project at the Free University of Brussels on the accessibility of a sustainable cooperative supermarket and the anchoring of it in a precarious neighborhood in Brussels.
Michel REYNAUD  
Member of the board of IFOAM Europe

Michel Reynaud is a member of the Board of IFOAM Europe where he is the representative of the certifying bodies, as Vice-President of Ecocert.

Elena PANICHI  
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Sébastien BALMISSE  
Cocoa programs and Quality Manager KAOKA

He is Director of "Filières" and Quality at Kaoka. He is very involved in the development of organic and fair sectors. He spends three to four months per year working on programs in Ecuador, Peru, Sao Tome and the Dominican Republic. Kaoka is a committed company. The long-term partnership between Kaoka and the Cocoa Farmers Cooperatives ensures a fair purchase price for producers and products of excellence accessible to all. The company is in the process of organic certification "sustainable company".

Vincenzo LINARELLO  
Founder and President of GOEL Cooperative Group

He is the Founder and President of the GOEL cooperative group. GOEL is a non-profit community movement in southern Italy. The network of cooperatives creates jobs in a wide range of economic sectors, including health services, organic agriculture and cosmetics, responsible tourism and eco-fashion based on ethically-managed social companies.
### Towards payments for environmental services

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<td>Coming from an agricultural in Switzerland, Pascal Olivier is an agronomist. After 2 years of professional experience in sub-Saharan Africa, he worked for 18 years as an advisor in a Chamber of Agriculture and Viticulture. Since 2015, he is responsible for the French-speaking part of Bio Suisse in Lausanne. &quot;Bio Suisse&quot; is the main organic organization in Switzerland and owns the brand Bourgeon. This private umbrella organization, created in 1981, represents the interests of its 7,100 farms and more than 1,000 agribusiness companies that have entered into a &quot;License Bourgeon&quot; agreement with it.</td>
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### Conclusion

Closing address from Mr Didier Guillaume, French Minister for Agriculture and Food.
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