Family Farming is predominant in all agricultural systems across the world

• Family farming has been very persistent and resilient and has remained the predominant model of farms in the world

• Over 500 million Family Farms out of 570 million farms worldwide

• The vast majority are small farms. More than 475 million farms have less than 2 hectares
Small Family Farms are predominant but control a small portion of agricultural land.

- Farms: 72% > 1 hectare, 28% < 1 hectare
- Agricultural Land: 91% > 1 hectare, 9% < 1 hectare
Women operate smaller farms

Average farm size (ha)

Male-headed households
Female-headed households

Malawi
Madagascar
Ghana
Viet Nam
Tajikistan
Pakistan
Nepal
Indonesia
Bangladesh
Panama
Nicaragua
Guatemala
Ecuador
Bolivia

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Contribution of FF in terms of volume produced

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Consensus over **three characteristics of family farms:**

- Diversified agricultural systems that preserve traditional food products, contributing to better diets and agro-biodiversity

- Embedded in territorial networks and local cultures, spend their incomes mostly within local and regional markets, generating many agricultural and non agricultural jobs

- Play major part in fighting hunger especially when linked to social protection policies
Main policy outcomes

• Better definitions of FF tailored to national and regional contexts
• Enabling Policy Environment for FF;
• Foster Policy Dialogue with FF organizations;
• Empowering Women/ Equal rights, entitlements and opportunities
• Youth/Rural Development;
• Sustainable technologies for improving productivity and reducing drudgery;
• Access to Credit and Productive Resources;
• Guarantee and Secure Access to Land and other Natural Resources;
• Markets access and broader share of the value chain: enhance strong collective action
FSN FORA ON FAMILY FARMING

- Young and women leaders from family farmers’ organizations.
- Second discussion: FSN wider range audience.
- Conclusions to feed GD

FSN FORUM: The future of Family Farming: empowerment and equal rights for women and youth
GLOBAL DIALOGUE: 30-31 OCTOBER

- Family Farming beyond the IYFF
- Post 2015 Development Agenda

GLOBAL DIALOGUE
**REU 1:** Empowering SMALLHOLDERS AND FAMILY FARMS for improved rural livelihoods and poverty reduction

**RLC 2:** FAMILY FARMING and rural territorial development

**RNE 2:** Sustainable SMALL-SCALE AGRICULTURE for inclusive development
Expert Working Group to achieve common international criteria to facilitate definitions and typologies of FF at country and regional level
Web-based knowledge platform on family farming

• Digitalized quality information from all over the world on family farming, including:
  • national laws and regulations
  • public policies
  • best practices
  • relevant data and statistics
  • research findings, articles and publications
• Continue dialogue after 2014
Two Proposed Goals and Targets:

- **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and adequate nutrition for all, and promote sustainable agriculture.

- **Goal 14.** Attain conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas
• What is the role of development cooperation in the future of family farming?
  • Supporting policies, enabling environments for family farmers to thrive, through dialogue with family farmers
  • Supporting south-south cooperation between farmers
Thank you

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