Agrichains and sustainable development 2016
Linking local and global dynamics

International conference on Agri-Chains and Sustainable Development: linking local and global dynamics

AC&SD 2016 will bring participants from all world regions to debate about the role of agricultural value chains in implementing global and local frameworks and partnerships for translating the Sustainable Development Goals into reality. Agricultural value chains form spaces where local and global challenges to sustainability connect and within which local and global actors experiment and negotiate innovative solutions.

Distinguished key-note speakers and up to 250 delegates, including key actors from developing countries and innovators from the field, are expected at the conference venue in Montpellier. This conference is organized by Cirad, in partnership with French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAEDI), AFD (Agence Française de Développement), Agropolis International, Agrinatura, the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM), IAVFF (Institut Agronomique, Vétérinaire et Foresterie de France, Agreenium), Inra, IRD, Montpellier SupAgro, Michigan State University, the RIMISP (Centro Latinoamericano para el Desarrollo Rural), the University of Sussex (Institute of Development Studies), Wageningen University (WUR) and the Moringa Fund.

The conference aims at:

1. Nourishing the dialogue with decision makers for enriching policy and strategy formulation towards sustainable development, using agricultural value chains as effective levers for action;
2. Engaging further scientists and experts into innovative experiences for an inclusive and sustainable economy and in imagining new models of development;
3. Shedding light on new patterns of public/private partnerships and investments and on multistakeholders’ alliances for sustainable value chains.

Participants will be called to share knowledge, innovative practices and ideas through plenary sessions and a series of parallel sessions, where both communications and posters will be discussed.

The debates will be devoted to the following themes:

- Performance and evaluation of agricultural value chains with respect to the SDGs;
- Innovations and partnerships for transforming or setting up value chains;
- Regulations for rebuilding public and collective action at different scales in support of the SDGs.

Particular emphasis will be placed on sessions mixing disciplinary perspectives and a showcase of innovative approaches from the field.

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Key dates

Call for special parallel sessions
Opening : 2 June 2016
Closing : 23 June 2016

Call for communications
Opening : 29 June 2016
Closing : 9 Sept. 2016

Registration
Opening : July 2016

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