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The Biggest Independent
Global Farmers' Voice

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An Organisation made by the Farmers for the Farmers

➤ **6 Regional Constituencies**

Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania

➤ **78 Farmers' Organisations from 53 countries**

➤ More than **1.2 billion farmers**

Our Headquarters

WFO is the **reference organisation representing the farmers' community**, regardless of their gender, age, or farm size - small, medium, or large-scale, **in all the relevant international processes.**

What We Do

We enhance farmers' position in the relevant international debates by supporting their values and propositions

Our **BOTTOM-UP APPROACH** ensures we can advocate for the needs and expectations of the farming community





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What we advocate for

Agriculture and climate change

FROM A
FARMER – RESPONSIVE
APPROACH



TO A
FARMER – DRIVEN
APPROACH

Examples of implementation





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The Climakers

The Climakers
in a nutshell

Conceived by the farmers, **The Climakers** is a **multi-stakeholder alliance** proposing solutions to Climate Change that are **farmer-driven, science-based** and **result-oriented**.

Overarching
Goal

Achieving a **WIN-WIN-WIN** scenario:

- ✓ **WIN** for the governments called to successfully implement the Paris Agreement;
- ✓ **WIN** for the FARMERS and the wider agricultural sector and value chain that can be sustainable under all its dimensions;
- ✓ **WIN** for the PEOPLE, who will be healthier and living on a healthier planet

Key messages from the Climakers consultations

- Farmers are deeply aware of being at the heart of Climate Change because they feel it on the farm
- Need for support (extension services, programs, knowledge exchange)
- In many cases there is a lack of appropriate policy frameworks and proper support programs to enhance resilience and contribute to mitigation of climate change

Examples of Farmers' solutions to Climate Change

Germany

For Brenkenhagener Gemuesehfermers, the best possible way to mitigate the effects of climate change is by improving soil quality. Adopting practices such as minimal tilling enhance water retention in the soil, generating a greater adaptation to drought events.



Kenya

KENAFF educates smallholder farmers, women, and youth on the importance of planting trees to mitigate climate change. Livelihoods of farmers are improved through the sale of tree seedlings, tree products like fruits from established tree nurseries



Vietnam

Hop Tien Agricultural Cooperative promotes the application of science and technology to actively respond to extreme weather. These new innovative farming methods have improved plant resistance to extreme weather.



Uganda

Diversification of farming methods and the switch to irrigation systems have ensured higher water availability for production and home consumption and improved the health and livelihoods of rural communities





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**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

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ONLINE CONSULTATION

**NEW, IMPROVED
PLANT VARIETIES
ON THE FARM**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
23 APRIL 2021**



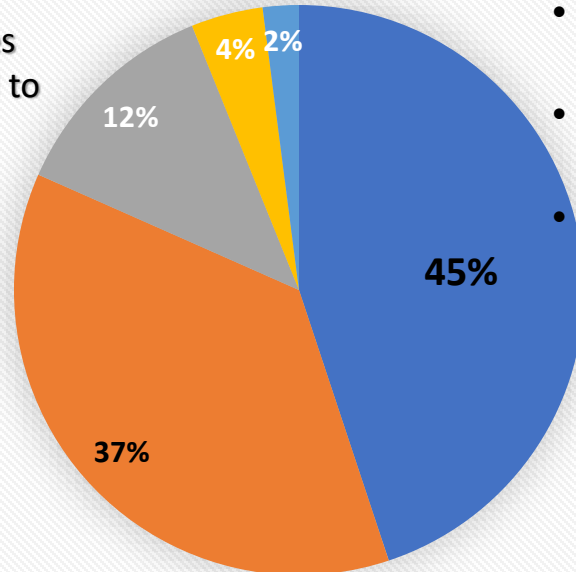
In 2021 WFO, ISF and UPOV partnered to explore and collect farmers' needs, constraints, and expectations around New Improved Plant Varieties, to make sure to promote a farmer driven approach to innovation in this field.

The work was carried from February to June 2021 including a survey and a virtual Dialogue among farmers, breeders and relevant stakeholder of the value chain.

FROM THE SURVEY: New improved plant varieties and climate change

Consider New Improved Plant Varieties important to **respond to climate change**
Rank 1 (no important) to 5 (very important)

82%
said that
New Improved Plant Varieties
are very important to respond to
climate change!



Some «reasons why»

- *“I believe they can influence the way we deal with diseases and adaptation to climate change”*
- *“Both in mitigation and adaptation, this will be crucial for the future”*
- *“With drought and rapid temperature extremes, I think we're going to have to have plants that can adapt to these realities.”*

Farmers' expectations on New Improved Plant Varieties



KEY EXPECTATIONS AND NEEDS AROUND THE USE OF NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES

- **Access to seeds** (availability and affordability);
- Access to **training, information and knowledge** on New Improved plant varieties;
- **Enabling regulatory; innovation and scientific framework** to access new improved plant varieties;
- **Organized Agriculture:** Farmers Organisations' as key actors to ensure that farmers of all sizes and everywhere have access to the best available innovation;
- **Consumers' education** in order to build trust around new varieties thanks, among others, to traceability systems;
- **Partnership with stakeholders in the value chain** to ensure farmers' expectations and needs are met building a **cooperation framework** that benefits all the actors involved.

What's next? Towards



- COP27 is behind the corner and WFO is working hard to catalyse the voice of the farmers as coordinator of the UNFCCC Farmers' Constituency
- High attention this year on food and agriculture: food systems and agriculture day (12 November) and a first ever food systems pavilion
- Expectations are rising around agriculture as SOLUTION to the challenges we are facing

FARMERS ARE READY TO DO THEIR PART,
ARE YOU, TOO?