



The Agroecology TPP DIALOGUES

**Periodic workshops for our Forum
Members**

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Concept

The Forum Members of the Agroecology TPP have repeatedly raised the need for the TPP Secretariat to strengthen the interactions between its constituencies, partners, Community of Practice and projects members, as well as the need to broaden our scientific dissemination role. In response to this call, the Agroecology TPP Secretariat, through internal and external consultations, have identified a number of different pathways to fulfill these needs. One of these is to arrange for periodic online workshops on specific agroecological themes. Other pathways and ideas have been fleshed out in the latest Communication Strategy, recently endorsed by the TPP Steering Committee.

This Concept Note illustrates the periodic workshop proposal, labeled ***The Agroecology TPP DIALOGUES***, and proposes a plan ahead.

Objectives

The multiple objectives of these Dialogues are:

1. **Knowledge Co-creation:** Allowing for a safe-space to discuss cutting-edge research, best practices, and traditional knowledge in agroecology, to foster co-creation of agroecological approaches and pathways.
2. **Hearing all voices:** Eliciting all members to participate and find themselves together to learn from others while sharing their experiences and point of views.
3. **Capacity Building:** Providing our members, but also other researchers, farmers, practitioners, and stakeholders with the skills and knowledge necessary to implement agroecological practices resulting from the latest findings.
4. **Networking and Collaboration:** Foster collaboration, dialogue, and partnership among our diverse stakeholders, including farmers, researchers, policymakers, and civil society organizations.
5. **Keeping momentum:** Maintaining periodic and flexible appointments that foster interaction and self-growth among our members.
6. **Advocacy:** Raise awareness about the importance of agroecological research and work to support upscaling of evidence-based agroecological approaches for agriculture.

Format

The workshops will concentrate on hands-on activities from participants, with interactive sessions, break-outs, polls, etc., reducing to a smaller portion the time devoted to standard presentations and panel discussions. The idea being that the Dialogues should allow for collective thinking, learning and co-designing. For this reason, the duration of these workshops is set to *at least 2h30*, in order to favor longer, more profound analyses.

To make these workshops actionable and oriented toward co-creation and outcomes, the format would include a number of auxiliary tools. These include but are not limited to:

- A survey linked to the registration form to gather initial thoughts on how to frame the discussion and activities (expectations from participants, elements that need to be considered, current knowledge and implementation gaps, etc.)
- References to papers, articles, videos, etc. underpinning the workshop theme
- A set of standardized outcomes from each workshop synthesized in a document:
 - o Basic stats (number of participants, registrants, etc.)
 - o Results from surveys/polls
 - o Lessons learned
 - o Follow up actions

Example of a 3h Dialogue format

- Opening remarks 5'
- Keynote speech 15'
- Q&A session with participants on the Keynote 15'
- Results from the framing survey 5'
- Further inputs from participants 5'
- **Workshop activities part 1** (mixture of presentations, case studies, tests, videos, break-outs, polling, etc.) 40'
- Break 5'
- **Workshop activities part 2** (mixture of presentations, case studies, videos, break-outs, tests, polling, etc.) 40'
- Reporting from activities 15'
- Q&A session with participants 25'
- Final poll on outcomes and way forward 15'

Moderation/Facilitation

To ensure the success of these workshops, moderation and facilitation/organization will play different and very important roles. While moderation will be assigned to one or more (e.g. for break-outs) members of the TPP and its partners and broader network, facilitation will be managed/arranged by the TPP Comms unit.

Moderation will include the preparation of the content and resources for the Dialogue, as well as framing the Dialogue itself and assisting participants in the co-creation exercise.

Facilitation will focus on interactivity and tools to enable co-creation, sharing and exchange, such as polls, jamboards, quizzes, etc.

To increase the efficiency of the Dialogue series as a set of recurrent events, where possible, both moderation and facilitation should develop flexible tools and formats can be re-purposed and adapted to the different themes of the Dialogues.

Target Audiences

The workshops are designed specifically for the Agroecology TPP Forum members in their diversity, however they will be open access and promoted beyond the TPP membership, targeting a diverse range of stakeholders, including:

- Other researchers and academics
- Farmers and agricultural practitioners
- Donor representatives
- Policymakers and government officials
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations
- Agribusinesses and food industry stakeholders
- Students and youth groups

Themes

The initial themes proposed in this CN are the result of the discussions held during the Annual Members Forum 2024 and the requests obtained through our [“Request a workshop”](#) tool, on the TPP’s website. More themes will emerge from the Dialogues themselves and from new inputs via our website.

List of prioritized themes for 2024

- Doing Science Differently: spotlight on Transdisciplinary Science
- Agroecology and food system transformation
- Supporting the transition to agroecology

Other possible themes for 2025+

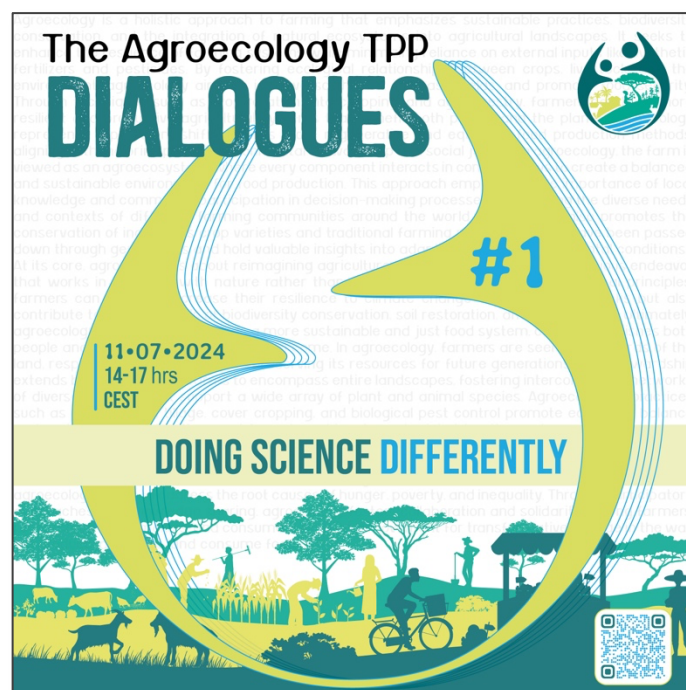
- Approaches for biodiversity-driven transformative change
- Enhancing Food Security through Agroecology
- Agroecology vs Agroforestry
- Water resources for Agroecology
- Livestock and Agroecology
- Solar panels and Agroecology

Expected Outcomes

1. **Dialogues follow up:** An outcome paper from each Dialogue will be produced to illustrate the lessons learned during each workshop, but most importantly to shape the path ahead, assigning roles and responsibilities in the aftermath of the that dialogue .
2. **Enhanced understanding:** Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the TPP's agroecological research, practices, and their potential benefits.
3. **Skill development:** Participants will acquire practical skills and techniques applicable to their contexts.
4. **Co-creation and co-design:** Participants will be able to influence the TPP's research, approaches and set the way forward and next steps.
5. **Networking:** Participants will establish meaningful connections, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange beyond the workshops and will be prompted to join the TPP Community of Practice.
6. **Impact:** The Dialogues will contribute to shaping strategies that support next generation research and the adoption and scaling up of agroecological practices at local, national, and global levels.
7. **Empowerment:** Participants will feel empowered in their role within the TPP and beyond, taking action towards based on the TPP's research oriented toward more sustainable and resilient food systems.

Branding

Given the periodicity of the Dialogues, a distinct look and feel needs to be developed so that it is immediately clear from the onset that these are part of a series. Based on the standard TPP branding, a proposal is presented here below.



Example branding for the 1st Dialogue

Annex 1

Tentative dates for 2024 Dialogues

To facilitate the participation across all time zones, these are tentatively all scheduled for 14-17hrs CEST.

- Doing Science Differently – 11 July 2024
- Agroecology and food system transformation – 11 September 2024
- Supporting the transition to agroecology – 20 November 2024 *possibly to be organized in conjunction with the TRANSITIONS programme*