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Study seminar

Youth and agriculture: Looking to the future with Hope

**Sala Iran – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy)
June 28th, 2022 - 10.00hs – 13.00hs**

Zoom registration link:

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArd-mpqTwjGNyXiCXqHLqsuwTS8HTxUKGw>

Program

Moderator:

Dr. Vincenzo CONSO, Coordinator of the Rome Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs

Introductory remarks:

Dr. Maurizio MARTINA, Assistant Director-General at FAO

Speakers:

- **Sr. Alessandra SMERILLI**, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- **Prof. Laura DE GARA**, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology for Humans and the Environment - Università Campus Bio Medico (Rome)

Testimonies of projects implemented by catholic-inspired NGOs:

- 1) *Youth, agriculture and formation*
Dr. Andrea Rossi, General Director at *Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale* (FMSI), Italy
- 2) *Initiatives of missionary congregations to promote youth and sustainable agriculture*
Dr. Don Lucey, Project Officer for Livelihoods at *Misean Cara*, Ireland
- 3) *Revitalizing land in Brazil to enhance rural communities for future generations*
Alessio Valente, *New Humanity for a United World*, Focolare Movement
- 4) *The Joy of Living: the young women of Burkina Faso and food independence*
Dr. Augusto Reggiani, CEO at *Fondazione ABCD Onlus*, Italy
- 5) *Youth entrepreneurs: social innovation in agriculture and poverty-reduction*
Br. Jonas Yawovi Dzinekou, Director of the *Institute for Social Transformation – Tangaza University College*, Kenya
- 6) *The transformative power of sunflower seeds: stories from young refugees in Palorinya.*
Fratel Fafa Ayih, Comboni Missionaries, South Sudanese refugee camp in Palorinya, Uganda
- 7) *Parishes in Kenya collaborating for a sustainable agriculture*
Mr. Michael James Mc Donald, President of *ICCM - Unum Omnes*
- 8) *Training young Palestinians for a sustainable agriculture*
Dr. Mayte Illán, Head of Mission at *Fundación Promoción Social*
- 9) *Youth in Agriculture for a sustainable development*
Dr. Marco Foschini, *The International Catholic Rural Association (ICRA)*
- 10) *Community Saving and lending Groups as a strategy for returning and supporting youths in Sustainable Agriculture.*
Divine Habungu. *Caritas Zambia*
- 11) *Greenhouses for organic farming in Ghana: new skills for young people in Salesian training schools through VIS technical support.*
Dott. Riccardo Giannotta. Responsible for all VIS Projects.

Concluding remarks:

Mons. Fernando CHICA ARELLANO, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to
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