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The 8th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (8WCCA) (<https://8wcca.org/>) will be held during 21-24 June 2021 in Zollikofen/Bern, Switzerland. In preparation to the 8WCCA, FAO and the European Conservation Agriculture Federation (ECAAF) are organizing a series of online webinars and regional discussions to increase awareness of the concepts and practices for Conservation Agriculture (CA).

Conservation Agriculture is a farming system that promotes minimum soil disturbance (i.e. no tillage), maintenance of a permanent soil cover, and diversification of plant species. It enhances biodiversity and natural biological processes above and below the ground surface, which contribute to increased water and nutrient use efficiency and to improved and sustained crop production.

<http://www.fao.org/conservation-agriculture/en/>.

This webinar is the first out of the series to be organized and covers the main topic of the 8WCCA.

Profitable and Sustainable Farming with Conservation Agriculture: The future of farming

Thursday 8 October 2020

14:00-15:00 hrs (Rome Time – CET)

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Gottlieb Basch Gottlieb Basch holds a Doctorate degree in Agricultural Sciences from Georg-August-University Göttingen/Germany. His PhD studies in Portugal in the area of alternative land use and soil management systems kicked off research and farm-based experimentation in this country. He was one of the founding members of the Portuguese Association on CA (APOSOLO), which became a foundation member of ECAAF. As professor at the University of Évora/Portugal and researcher at the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development, he has been working on many aspects related to the implementation of CA. Recently he has been involved in three EIP Focus Groups and also in three H2020 and ERAfrica projects. Gottlieb Basch has been president of the European Conservation Agriculture Federation (ECAAF) between 2002 and 2008 and is again since 2011.



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Agenda

Moderator – Prof. Dr. Emilio Gonzalez-Sanchez (ECAAF, ETSIAM-University of Cordoba, Spain)

1. Introduction to the webinar series –Dr. Fenton Beed, NSPLD Team Leader
2. Profitable and Sustainable Farming with Conservation Agriculture: The future of farming - Prof. Gottlieb Basch
3. Questions and answers
4. Closing remarks – Hafiz Muminjanov and Josef Kienzle (FAO)

The webinar schedule:

- 22 October 2020: Successful experiences and learnings from CA worldwide - Prof. Amir Kassam, University of Reading, UK
- 5 November 2020: Farm and ecosystem level benefits of CA systems to farmers, society and environment - Dr. Don Reicosky, retired Soil Scientist from the USDA-ARS, University of Minnesota, USA
- 19 November 2020: Mainstreaming of CA with national policy and institutional support and for global governance to support national and international needs and commitments – Mr. Tom Goddard, retired Senior Policy Advisor, Alberta, Canada
- 3 December 2020: Promoting CA-based knowledge and innovation systems and information sharing and communication – Dr. Rachid Mrabet, Research Director of INRA, Morocco

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