

**MORE ABOUT FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION PATHWAY - PARALLEL SESSION:
FROM AN NGO PERSPECTIVE: PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**

From an NGO perspective: partnerships towards regenerative agriculture

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Speakers

- Peter Stevenson (Chief policy advisor) of CIWF
- Louise Valducci (Head of European Food Business CIWF)
- Ruud Zanders of Kipster, the world's first climate neutral farm for laying hens

Moderator

- Cecile Kusters

Background

Our current food systems have been developed to feed the world. While several systems have made progress, this too often comes at a very high price. Intensive agriculture, and specifically factory farming, has led to many problems like loss of biodiversity, land degradation, pollution, and so on. Factory farming causes immense animal suffering – and drives the world's food resources, environment and wildlife into the ground. So our current food system will prevent us achieving the SGD goals, and a radical change in food systems is needed. We plea to move towards a sustainable food system based on regenerative agriculture.

Regenerative agriculture

Regenerative agriculture protects the environment – and reverses the damage done by intensive agriculture. Nowadays, this is promoted, by many like the Director-General of the FAO. It is better for human health and will reduce non-communicable diseases and promote biodiversity too.

Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) is a rapidly growing international NGO, with offices in the many leading countries. CIWF was founded in 1967 by a British farmer and is proud of a half century long record in improving the welfare of farmed animals, working with national governments, the European Union, big international Food companies and International organisations like the FAO. CIWF promotes the need for a transformation in livestock farming, towards a system with zero food/feed competition, promoting high human and animal health and welfare, mitigating global warming and environmental pollution and making a honest living for agricultural communities worldwide. CIWF considers high animal welfare as essential part of sustainability

Objectives of the session

To explore and discuss the options of regenerative agriculture to achieve sustainability of our food systems while respecting our environment and animal welfare.

Programme

Introduction 1 (15 minutes): Peter Stevenson (Chief policy advisor) of CIWF

- Part 1 Peter will show why re-imagining the current way in which we use available land, and produce and consume our food is necessary to achieve SDG 2 and its cousins SDG's 3,6,11,12,13,14 and 15. He will also present how Intergovernmental Organisations like the United Nations can and must make this happen. While governments -in a world of increasing globalisation and interdependencies- should encourage partnerships by various stakeholders to achieve realisation of the SDG's, they should not abandon their traditional role for setting food policies and high animal welfare standards in farming.

Introduction 2 (10 minutes): Louise Valducci (Head of European Food Business)

- Louise will show how CIWF's international foodbusiness department has been working with international food companies (both retailers and producers) in order to achieve higher animal

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welfare standards and sustainability in their supply chain. Active engagement with companies, showcasing good practice and a prestigious award scheme (GFAWA - Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards) are key-elements of this successful workstream. <https://www.compassioninfoodbusiness.com/awards/#>

Introduction 3 (10 minutes) Ruud Zanders of Kipster

- Ruud Zanders is one of the founders of the revolutionary Kipster farm for laying hens. Kipster is the first climate neutral farm for laying hens in the world that was opened in September 2017, supported by Lidl and government funding and cooperation. Ruud will present the Kipster project, that brings many ideas of how future animal farming should look in practice and he will also talk about how governments, NGO's, science and companies can work together to achieve this.

Panel discussion with the audience (45 minutes)

- The presenters and Geert Laugs (CIWF Nederland) will join a panel discussion with the audience that will garner thoughts and other solutions from audience members. Focus will be on :
 - The nature of the transformative pathway.
 - Bottle-necks on how to realize the pathway.
 - Options to address the bottle-necks.

Conclusions and wrap-up (10 minutes)

- The output will be a shared vision for the solution with a suite of examples and/or case studies that can be shared through Wageningen's central role as promoter of SDG solutions.

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