

Review of SDG implementation

SDG 15 – Protect, restore and promote use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

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Intervention of the Farmers' Major

Thank you. I am Liisa Pietola, farmer from the Finnish organisation MTK, member of the World Farmers' Organisation.

Healthy ecosystems are fundamental to achieve sustainable development.

Farmers, as food producers, are those who rely the most on those ecosystems and among the most vulnerable facing challenges as land degradation, soil erosion, climate change, natural disasters which negatively affect our production and livelihoods.

We are already implementing best practices to increase our resilience and continue to produce the food you all eat.

We always look for innovative methods to sustainably manage terrestrial resources. Innovation is key to achieve global sustainability, as well as effective partnerships with private sector, research, governments and multilateral institutions.

We have a key role to play in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, we deserve to be involved in the decision-making process and we stand ready to work with all the other relevant stakeholders to implement it, together with the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

There is no time left for silos thinking. Sustainable development can only be achieved through comprehensive, inclusive and cross-sectoral policies that address all three dimensions of sustainability – environmental, economic and social - as well as the interlinkages among the SDGs.