

Invitation to a Panel Discussion

National Action Plans for Pesticide Reduction: The role of Biocontrol



25th October 2016, 16:00 - 19:30h, Congress Center Basel

Registration: www.helvetas.ch/pesticides; free entry (deadline: 16th October)

This panel discussion investigates what biocontrol can contribute to pesticide use and risk reduction goals as formulated in national action plans. Located within the [Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM](#) it provides the opportunity to get an overview on the latest developments in the exciting field of biocontrol and to exchange with practitioners.

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About the panel discussion

Reducing pesticide use and risks in agriculture is a joint responsibility of policy makers, farmers, private sector and civil society. Biocontrol approaches and technologies have significantly advanced and can play an important role to achieve this objective. What needs to be done in order to enhance the use of alternative crop protection methods? What can farmers, researchers, biocontrol manufacturers, retailers, consumers and policy makers contribute?

Panellists:

- Eva Reinhard, Deputy Director of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG
- Vittorio Veronelli, Vice President of the International Biocontrol Manufacturer Association IBMA / CEO of CBC Europe
- Manfred Bötsch, Head of Department of Sustainability and Quality Management, MIGROS Switzerland
- Indira Moreno Echeverri, Pest Management Expert, UTZ Certified / IPM Coalition
- Cesar Gonzalez, Policy Advisor, Copa/Cogeca
- Frank Eyhorn, Senior Advisor Sustainable Agriculture, Helvetas (Moderator)

Programme

16:00	Registration (opens 14:30) Participants can visit the exhibition of the Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM
16:30	Panel Discussion: National Action Plans for Pesticide Reduction: The role of Biocontrol Introductory statements Moderated discussion Questions and statements from the plenum Summary of conclusions
17.50	Short break
18.00	Key note address by Thilivhali Nepfumbada, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
18:30	Aperitif (until 19:30)

Venue: Congress Center Basel, Auditorium "Montreal"
Messeplatz 21. Tram No. 2 or 6 to „Messeplatz“. [Location map](#)

The panel discussion is organized by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in collaboration with the Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM (<http://www.abim.ch>).
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