

# ICYA 2018 REPORT

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## Why?

IAAS has created a platform to ensure young future leaders' contribution in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and support the universal call for action.

As continuation of the first amazing event that took a place in Leuven in 2017, this year, the 2nd International Conference for Youth in Agriculture (ICYA) themed "Giving A Voice to Future Agricultural Leaders" took place in Porto, Portugal from April 19-22.

ICYA it covered 3 global topics to be discussed;

- Responsible Consumption and Production
- Climate Action
- Life on Land

## How?

We believe that by bringing together youths from all over the world and providing the platform for discussions and current topics allows the exchange of different perspectives hence bringing a mutual understanding between cultures. Those future leaders will be able to implement the Sustainable Development Goals thereby improving the agricultural scale at a global level.

## What?

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>*

### #Trainings

On "day-0", participants of ICYA had the opportunity to build and improve their team work skills in order to get all the necessary tools that they would use during the following days with the development of projects.

Specifically a team of experienced trainers worked intensively to deliver sessions on:

- Project Management
- Change Management
- Design Thinking

Also we had a short presentation about IAAS because we had the pleasure to host 50% IAAS members and 50% not IAAS members.

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup>*

### #Conferences

#### *Responsible Consumption and Production*

"Today, the world wastes or loses around a third of the food it produces while 815 million people go hungry " (FAO). With the growing global population, we need to develop strategies to





produce more food with less resources. Also, we must be encouraged to shift to nutritious and safe diets with a lower environmental footprint.

We had the pleasure to have three talks about this topic:

- Sustainable Production: how to improve yield and quality with lower environmental By Professor Susana Carvalho.
- We are what we eat, or we eat what we are? Views on determinants of food consumption. By Professor Maria Daniel Vaz impact.
- How to make the right changes? Why design and paradigm shifts are important for sustainable consumption and production. By Katrin Unger.

### **#World\_Cafe**

During afternoon for 1:30 hours we had a world café where all the participants were exposing their project ideas related with the consumption and production, we give them a short guide to have an SMART project.

### **#Projects\_Development**

After the world cafe the people get in to six groups to start with the must relevant project that were discussed during the world cafe , the IAAS trainers and trainers from BEST were helping and guiding the work groups.

During the rest of the afternoon the participants were planning how to develop their ideas, we had a high motivation to do something with the environmental impact, promotion of the sustainable production and consumption, and also there was the interest to help a local farmer in some regions to promote their products. An amazing ideas comes up and the participants were so happy to contribute.

### *Saturday 21<sup>th</sup>*

### **#Conferences**

During this day we had four talks during morning.

### *Climate Action*

"Food production threatens to be the greatest casualty of climate change, but sustainable agriculture can be part of the solution." (FAO). We can see how the global warming have been increasing form the past years, we are on time to do research on the best ways to produce food for the next years.

We had the pleasure to have two talks about this topic:

- Why wild forests fires matter in a context of climate change. By Professor Domingos Lopes.
- Climate Action: Mobilizing youth awareness and participation in the sustainable development goals. By Ntiokam Divine.

### *Life On Land*

Natural resources are deteriorating, ecosystems are stressed, and biological diversity is being lost across the globe. Land use changes, including deforestation, result in a loss of valuable





habitats, a decrease in clean water, land degradation, soil erosion and the release of carbon into the atmosphere. They contribute to the loss of valuable economic assets and livelihood opportunities. (FAO).

We had the pleasure to have two talks about this topic:

- Soil's Quality: why soil biodiversity matter, and why is it urgent to protect it. By Professor Ruth Pereira.
- Life Cycle Assessment: Methodology and Case Studies. By Professor Belmira Neto.

### **#Projects\_Development**

This afternoon was focused to continue the creation of practical projects that sourced from the ideas that came up during the first day. Those new Youth Projects were supposed to be built and explained step-by-step by each working group in order to be shared and presented with the rest of participants on the last day of ICYA.

### *Sunday 22<sup>th</sup>*

### **#Project\_Presentations**

Sunday morning was focused on the sharing of information and presentation of every group's project. Six teams got on stage and shared their unique ideas with the rest of the participants.

After the end of the last session, everyone had a clear overview of what happened during those 4 intensive days of ICYA in every corner and every room of the venue. Everyone was able at that moment to join an international team and work on a global project to change the world.

