

**Under the patronage of
Mr. Emmanuel Macron,
President of the French Republic**



International Summit of Young Farmers

April 15, 16 and 17- Paris

Presentation

An essential event for the future of agriculture

Agriculture is the sector that provides most of the jobs opportunities in the world. Unfortunately, the profession is often devalued because it is considered demanding and not very profitable. While the world's population will reach 3.5 billion by 2100, the challenge of agricultural and rural employment requires an international debate. In this context, representatives of young farmers from five continents will meet in Paris in April. This International Summit of Young Farmers will be an opportunity to submit solutions for a sustainable agriculture.

A unique moment of consultation

On April 15 and 16, 2019, the twenty young farmers attending the International Summit will discuss four topics : young farmers setting up, climate change, value chain and global trade. Their thoughts and considerations will be accompanied by those of experts.

On 17 April, young farmers will present and debate their proposals in the presence of senior figures of the agricultural and food field.

The new stage of a long-term project

The International Summit is part of a long-term approach. It is a new stage of the dialogue between Young Farmers from the five continents, which will materialize through regular meetings and the creation of an exchange platform. Aware of the challenges they face in managing food and natural resources, participants want to take control of their future. That is why they wish to connect international organizations to their exchanges and their conclusions. This approach is more in line with the Decade of Family Farming, which starts in 2019 and whose launch was supported by France.

An impulse given by French Young Farmers

The French Young Farmers Union (JA) is at the initiative of the Summit. After holding a first international meeting in 2014 in Bordeaux, JA relaunched a global dynamic of reflection on youth and agriculture, with the aim that all continents seize it. This 2019 Summit is under the patronage of the President of the French Republic, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, and is organized by French Young Farmers, in partnership with French



Farmers and International Development (Afdi). More than just an international meeting, the International Summit of Young Farmers initiates a collective reflection on the future of agriculture.

Provisional schedule

Monday, April 15, from 10:00 to 20:00

Meeting of young farmers - 30 to 40 participants (farmers, experts ...)

- Opening speech by the President of Jeunes Agriculteurs
- Presentation of the participants and the program
- Formulation of proposals on the theme " young farmers setting up"
- Formulation of proposals on the theme "climate change"

Tuesday, April 16th, from 9am to 8pm

Meeting of young farmers - 30 to 40 participants (farmers, experts ...)

- Formulation of proposals on the theme " value chain "
- Formulation of proposals on the theme "global trade"
- Summary of discussions and elaboration of the final declaration
- Reflections upon the follow-up and the setting up of an international exchange platform between young farmers

Wednesday, April 17, from 10h to 14h

Conference, presentation of proposals - 100 participants

- Introduction by Emmanuelle Wargon, Secretary of state to the State's minister of the ecological and solidarity transition
- Keynote presentation on the current and global challenges of young farmers
- Round table: "Young farmers from five continents speak out"
- Conclusions by the President of Young Farmers
- Breakfast cocktail

The participants

The International Summit will include Young Farmers from five continents :

- Three representatives from Africa (mandated by the Network of West African Farmers Organizations and the Pan African Farmers Organization)
- Three representatives from Asia (mandated by the Asia Farmers Association)
- Three representatives of Europe (mandated by the European Council of Young Farmers)



- Three representatives from North America (Mandated by the National Farmers Union of the United States, National Young Farmers Coalition and the Union of farmers from Québec)
- Two representatives from Central and South America (mandated by the Central American Agricultural Council and the Confederation of Family Farmers of MERCOSUR)
- A representative from Oceania (commissioned by Young Farmers from New Zealand or Australia)

Partners

French farmers and international development (Afdi)

Afdi is an international solidarity organization founded by French agricultural organizations that supports family farming and supports farmers' organizations in developing countries.



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