



AGENDA

**TASK FORCE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, 3 NOVEMBER 9:30
am CEST**

**In cooperation with INSULEUR and Instituto Tecnológico de
Canarias**

Sustainable Agriculture in Small Islands

CONCEPT NOTE

Sustainable agriculture is fundamental for small islands' self-sufficiency, economy, and transmission of their natural heritage. A number of innovative plantation techniques, such as hydroponic cultivation combined with renewables and organic residues management through biodigesters or reuse, is available on the market. Hence, the formed task force is to focus on coupling the conservation and development of island indigenous crops, thanks to the latest technologies capable of minimizing the consumption of water and employing treated wastewater for irrigation. The task force aims to create a model for the sustainability and efficiency of the agricultural process, which would be applicable to the different climates of the islands of the world and capable of promoting the "made in the islands" agricultural products by ensuring the traceability of high-quality local products and the protection of islands' endemic species.

09.30 Introduction

- **Gianni Chianetta** - Director, Greening the Islands – *GTI Observatory and focus on the targets and proposal of plan of the task force*

09.40 Presentations

- **Georges Asonitis** - INSULEUR Technical Committee & **Gonzalo Piernavieja** - Research & Innovation Director, Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias – *Overview on agriculture in small islands*





- **Hiroshi Kakazu** - Professor, University of the Ryukyus – *Agriculture as a driver for islands' economy*
- **Ralph Birkhoff** - Founder, Island AgTech – *Climate-smart agriculture project for Barbados (GTI Awards nominee)*
- **John Brown & Mari Marutani** - Professors, University of Guam – *A Small-Scale Integrated Farm System in a Tropical Insular Environment of Guam: A Case Study*

10.20 Round table and agreement on the next steps

- **Fabien Santini** - Deputy Head of Unit, Governance of agri-food markets DG AGRI
- **Juan Francisco Padrón Rodríguez** - President of Instituto Canario de Investigaciones Agrarias
- **Giannis Roussos** - President, Cyclades CC
- **Nicos Miliarakis** - Wines of Crete
- Representative of the Gozo Confederation of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Representative of Greece

11.10 Discussion of the draft agenda and the target of the GTI e_Convention workshop of November 25

11.20 Wrap-up & conclusions

Connection details

Topic: First meeting TF

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