

## Symposium cum Workshop on Participatory Research to foster Innovation in Agriculture

**Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 09:00-17:00**  
**Venue: ETH Zentrum - Main Building (HG - D 7.1)**

**Anticipated Audience:** Students, Postdocs, Professors from IDP BRIDGES, Mercator Fellowship, Zurich Basel Plant Science Center, World Food System Center, Global South, ETH, University of Basel, University of Zürich, University of Bern, HAFL, ZHAW, FHNW, FiBL, and all Persons interested in Participatory Research in Agriculture

### Program

Time	Activity	Presenter
09:00	Introduction	Dr. G. Bhullar (FiBL)
09:05	Welcome address from Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center - IDB BRIDGES	Dr. Melanie Paschke (IDP BRIDGES)
09:15	Welcome address from FiBL	Prof. Urs Niggli (FiBL)
09:30	Methods for coproducing knowledge	Dr. Christian Pohl (ETHZ)
10:00	Participatory v/s conventional approaches in agricultural research	Prof. D. Neri (UNIVPM, Italy)
10:30	Discussion	
10:45	Coffee Break	
11:15	Challenges of Participatory plant breeding in Europe	Prof. Edith Lammerts van Bueren (WUR, NL)
11:45	Participatory cultivar evaluation and breeding for organic cotton in India	Prof. S.S. Patil (UAS Dharwad, India)
12:15	Discussion	
12:30	Lunch Snack with Poster Presentations on Participatory Research	
13:30	Introduction to "World café"	Dr. R. Home / M. Messmer (FiBL)
13:45	World café: on different topics / systems (visiting researchers discuss with local partners and student groups)	active participation of all
15:15	Coffee Break	
15:30	Presentation of Results	Participants
16:20	Final Discussion and Synopsis for successful Innovations in Agriculture	Dr. R. Home / Dr. M. Messmer
16:45	Closing of the Workshop and word of thanks	G. Bhullar
17:00	Apéro	

Please confirm participation at the [SysCom website in the 'News & Events' section](#).

*We thank the financial support from Mercator Foundation Switzerland, Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing countries (KFPE), Coop Sustainability Fund, Biovision Foundation, the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and the European Commission (grant agreement no PITN-GA-2013-608422 – IDP BRIDGES) for making the realisation of this event possible.*

EXCELLENCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY