

## Press release



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# For your 2019 calendar For the first time in Europe! World Agroforestry Congress

20-22 May 2019, Montpellier, France (Le Corum Conference Center)

**"Agroforestry: strengthening the links between science, society and public policies"**

**1500 delegates expected: researchers, decision-makers, students, politicians, NGOs, farmers**

Montpellier will host, for the 1st time in Europe, the fourth world congress of agroforestry. World Agroforestry Congresses are held every 5 years. Previous congresses were held in the USA (Orlando), Kenya (Nairobi) and India (New Delhi).

- Prestigious speakers, top political figures and representatives of civil society are expected.
- By combining science and dialogue with society, the congress will be an opportunity to evaluate the potential of agroforestry to ensure the agro-ecological transition of world agriculture.
- At the event, the International Union for Agroforestry (IUAF) will be created.

## Agroforestry – What Is It?

Agroforestry is the deliberate integration of trees into crops and pastures. It is now recognized as a major option for combating land degradation, addressing climate change issues and contributing to global food security. It has a major role to play in achieving most of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (more: [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/en/sustainable-development-objectives](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/en/sustainable-development-objectives)).

## In the program

Three days of plenary and parallel sessions (35 in total, featuring more than 200 communications), poster sessions, field trips, side events, cultural events for the general public, etc.



## Themes

Climate change  
 Fight against poverty / food security  
 Successes and failures of agroforestry  
 Desertification / land degradation / soil rehabilitation  
 Genetic resources  
 Gender in agroforestry  
 Public policies  
 Business / private sector / finance  
 Socio-economic dimensions of agroforestry

See all sessions here: <https://agroforestry2019.cirad.fr/programme/scientific-programme>

## Why Montpellier?

An ancient practice but a recent scientific subject, the agroforestry concept first appeared in the 1970s in international think-tanks seeking solutions to the problem of tropical deforestation.

In France, the first research on agroforestry was conducted at the University of Montpellier. The idea was then developed at the heart of the Agropolis scientific community thanks to the research teams of CIRAD, INRA and IRD.

Today, more than 15 research units in France are interested in agroforestry, bringing together around 120 researchers.

**Agroforestry, an international research subject, is now part of the agronomic education curriculum of higher education institutions around the world.**

## AgroForestry 2019: a green congress!

AgroForestry2019 is a green congress and to do this we have introduced:

- Voluntary donations to offset the footprint of participant travel: the funds raised will be used for agroforestry research and development projects related to soil protection.
- Ecological footprint limits: preference given to local suppliers, natural or organic products, paper printing reduced to a minimum, preference given to public transport.

**Key dates:** call for papers open until 31/10/2018 - Opening of registrations: September 2018.

**Congress organized by CIRAD and INRA in partnership with the World Agroforestry Center, Agropolis International and Montpellier University of Excellence.**

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