

Theme: Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind

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SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.

SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.

SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Session: Thursday, 17 July, 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Room:** Conference Room 4, UN-Headquarters

Topic: "Transformation from the Ground Up: Acting at local level"

Oral statement/ contribution of the Farmers Major Group, represented by Mr. Rudolf Heinrich Bühler, chairman of Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall

Thank you Mr. President for giving the floor to famers: my name is Rudolf Bühler, I am farmer and founder of the Farmers Association of Schwäbisch Hall in Germany and others in the south and east of the world. I am pleased and honoured to speak on behalf of the whole Farmers Major Group today.

The strength and success of our farmers association became a lighthouse for regional rural development and its knowledge and experiences was extended and passed on to a lot of farmers groups in Eastern Europe and the Global South.

Saving biodiversity, animal welfare, organic and sustainable farming and establishing value chains from field to fork in order to generate a fair share of income to the farmers, are the main tasks and goals of these lighthouse projects.

From 8 to 1500 member farmers in Hohenlohe, from 5 to 1030 member farmers in Ghana, from 120 to 17 000 member farmers at Wayanad in Kerala and others shows, that joint and solidaric development can contribute and enforce SDG-Goals to the ground.

Our approach is localizing the SDG's through organic, regenerative and other forms of high-standard and climate resilient family farming.

In 2016 we have established a Farmers Academy at the Farmers Castle in Kirchberg, Germany. Main tasks are Localizing SDG's, Localizing Global Peasants Rights und Climate Resiliance Projects.

Already in 2017 we came up with the Draft to the basic rights of Farmers by hosting more then 400 Farmers Groups and NGO's there which was adopted on 18th December 2018 by the General Assembly here at UN in New York as the Declaration for Global Peasants Rights.

You see: if farmers and peasants unite at the local level in sovereign, community based organizations the implementation and localizing of SDGs will accelerate!

Dear Audience, please support farmers everywhere and every day by choosing farm-produced food. Shake the hand of your local farmer when purchasing your food since we are the foundation of human societies!

Thank you Mr. President