



# Let's Go Agroecology!


## Transforming Food Systems in Africa

### Workshop with Dr. Million Belay

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 October 10th 2023, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

 Office of Dreikönigsaktion/Katholische Jungschar: Wilhelminenstraße 91/IIf, 1160 Wien

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As part of the SDG Dialogue Forum, we have invited Dr. Million Belay, General Coordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) and member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES Food) to Vienna.

In this workshop, Million Belay will delve into AFSA's vision for the necessary transformation of food systems, highlighting the significance of agroecology and peasant rights. We will discuss promising strategies and insights and explore the roles that development cooperation agencies and partner organisations in both the Global North and South should take in fostering these transformations.

### Agenda

We will start with a 40 minutes input by Million Belay and will have time for your questions afterwards. In order to structure the discussion according to your interests, please send us your questions via the registration form.

### Registration

Please [register here](#) by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [katharina.eggenweber@globaleverantwortung.at](mailto:katharina.eggenweber@globaleverantwortung.at) or [isabelle.schuetzenberger@dka.at](mailto:isabelle.schuetzenberger@dka.at)



## Million Belay

is a member of the IPES-Food panel, an expert and advocate for forestry conservation, indigenous livelihoods and food and seed sovereignty, and a co-founder and coordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), a network of networks that advocates for seed and food sovereignty, as well as promoting agroecology and supporting the rights of local communities and indigenous peoples to their land. Million is also a founder of MELCA - Ethiopia – created as an indigenous NGO working on agroecology, intergenerational learning, conservation of forests and improving the livelihood of local communities and indigenous peoples. He also played a significant part in the establishment and activities of the Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN).

In addition to these topics, he is interested in knowledge dialogues and the use of participatory mapping for social learning, identity building and mobilization of memory. Million is working to integrate resilience thinking into national, regional and global policies. This includes exploring resilience assessment methodologies that help communities in their adaptive strategies to social and ecological change. He won the National Green Hero Award for both Ethiopia and Addis Ababa, the capital city, in 2008. He was also a nominee to the International Forest Hero Award in 2011. He has a PhD in Education, an MSc. in Tourism and Conservation, and a BSc. in Biology.



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