

8th WORLD CONGRESS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE ORGANIZED IN SWITZERLAND

The [FAO website](#) is promoting the [8th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture. The future of Farming.](#) The Congress will be held in Bern (Switzerland) between 29th June and 2nd July 2020.



The 8WCCA Congress is jointly organized by the [European Conservation Agriculture Federation \(ECAF\)](#), and its member in Switzerland, Swiss No-till (SNT), with the support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the [African Conservation Tillage Network \(ACT\)](#).

The theme of the 8WCCA aims to highlight that Conservation Agriculture is the only ecological and regenerative agricultural model able to bring together the profitability of farmers and the environmental protection while offering ecosystem services, climate change mitigation and adaptability and satisfying the demands of civil society. This will be elaborated and discussed through technical presentations on the following four sub-themes:

- Successful experiences and learnings from Conservation Agriculture worldwide
- Farm and ecosystem level benefits of CA systems to society and environment
- Mainstreaming of CA with national policy and institutional support and for global governance to support national and international needs and commitments
- Promoting CA-based knowledge and innovation systems and information sharing and communication

All participants are invited to present extended abstracts on any of the Congress sub-themes. The rules for abstract submission can be found at the 8WCCA website, through Call for Abstract section.

The Congress intends to involve the following main actors of the Conservation Agriculture:

- Farmers keen on sharing their experience and know how as well as knowing more about CA and how it works in practice for greater productivity, profitability and environmental sustainability.
- Scientists, educationists and extensionists of any discipline dealing with CA systems development and with sustainable soil, water, agriculture and landscape management.

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- Government representatives, officials and other policy stakeholders interested in or working on issues related to the sustainability of agriculture and the environment.
- Private sector and non-governmental organizations interested in CA for sustainable farming systems and landscape management.

In its [web page on Conservation Agriculture](#), FAO highlights that CA is a farming system that can prevent losses of arable land while regenerating degraded lands. It promotes maintenance of a permanent soil cover, minimum soil disturbance, and diversification of plant species. It enhances biodiversity and natural biological processes above and below the ground surface, which contribute to increased water and nutrient use efficiency and to improved and sustained crop production. The [three principles of Conservation Agriculture](#) are the following:

- [Minimum mechanical soil disturbance](#) through direct seed and/or fertilizer placement.
- [Permanent soil organic cover](#) (at least 30 percent) with crop residues and/or cover crops.
- [Species diversification](#) through varied crop sequences and associations involving at least three different crops.

The *8th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture The future of Farming* is an opportunity of reviewing the recent progress made in the practice and in knowledge generation worldwide.

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