RESULTS OF *TERRA MADRE - SALONE DEL GUSTO* ORGANIZED BY SLOW FOOD IN TORINO, ITALY

The 14th edition of *Terra Madre* Salone del Gusto the world's event dedicated to sustainable food and food politics organized by Slow Food from 22 to 26 of September 2022 in Torino (Italy), closed his work with great success. During five days, with more than 600 exhibitors and through a series of workshops, conferences and tastings, visitors could discover how to regenerate the planet through food.

The theme of the event was the need to take action to reorganize our food

systems as outlined in the <u>RegenerAction toolkit</u>. More than 3,000 representatives of the Slow Food network from 130 countries came together to share their experiences and come up with solutions further strengthening the Slow Food network. They also inspired more than 350,000 visitors during the five-days event and offered practical suggestions to encourage everyone to make an impact on the food system through their own actions.

In order to build sustainable food systems, during the event the need to provide the tools to empower farming communities and connect them to consumers was also underlined. <u>Participatory</u> <u>Guarantee Systems (PGS)</u> and the blockchain, for example, are game changers. A PGS is based on the active participation of stakeholders and it is founded on a basis of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange. The blockchain is a traceability system that makes possible to securely record every step along the production process. PGS and the blockchain combine the best of relationships of trust with innovative technology at the service of local communities and people. At Terra Madre, farmers testified how being part of a community and benefitting from tools like the PGS has changed their lives, allowing them to gain leverage and new possibilities. These new possibilities translate into better livelihoods for local communities and families.

The 2022 edition of Terra Madre also dedicated a space to Slow Food's advocacy work, showcasing many campaigns around the world on a variety of themes such as food sovereignty, GMOs, pesticides, land and ocean grabbing and highlighting the Slow Food work for fair and sustainable food systems.

During the event, <u>Slow Food presented 10 political</u> recommendations:

- Ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food.
- Prioritize the needs of people, especially women, youth, indigenous people, and the most marginalized, over corporate interests.
- Promote agroecology and support all farmers and fishers in the transition towards ecosystem-friendly production.









- Support the development of shorter, and more resilient food supply chains.
- Radically transform the food system, which is a major cause of the climate crisis.
- Commit to reduce the production and consumption of industrial animal products and promote sustainable farming systems.
- Halve global food waste from farm to fork by 2030, in line with United Nations targets.
- Protect and promote biodiversity in our waters, soil, seeds, and diets.
- End world hunger and tackle all forms of malnutrition, including obesity.
- Promote the right to healthy and sustainable food over the pursuit of economic growth.

Edward Mukiibi, newly elected President of Slow Food International, highlighted that the solutions for the great challenges of regenerating our food systems already exist and have been seen, heard and exchanged during Terra Madre with the hundreds of farmers, cooks, food producers, activists and experts who joined the event. The delegations of the global food movement leave Turin with the renewed strength and determination. Local communities who thrive on the production of good, clean and fair food are asserting the resilience to climate change of their biodiverse crops and breeds and their ability to foster social justice and the possibility of ensuring an enjoyable future for the next generations.

<u>Slow Food is a large international non-profit association</u> founded in 1989 and committed to giving the right value to food, respecting the producers, in harmony with the environment and ecosystems, thanks to the knowledge and traditions of which local communities are custodians.

On their website information about all the initiatives underway at international level and in different countries can be found. Slow Food also <u>invites all interested actors to participate in the movement</u>, joining more than 1 million activists involved in more than 10,000 projects throughout 160 countries around the world, working to provide good, clean and fair food for all.

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