



“Biodiversity in our food system”

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On 14 May, CIES had the pleasure to welcome Dr.Ir. Roseline Remans, senior scientists at CIAT, to talk on ‘Biodiversity in our Food Systems’ at the CIES e-seminar series. Her presentation discussed the importance of biodiversity in our food system.

Currently, the food system is changing towards homogeneity which is not necessarily good. The overall loss of diversity in our food system can harm the environment but also human health. For many reasons, increasing biodiversity in our food system is essential: the diversity of crops is essential to meet our nutrient adequacy, it also provides a balance between the ecosystem services through mitigation or capturing greenhouse gas emissions in the soils, and it can help the environment to build more resilience to the many shocks that the environment can face. In sum, it is essential to increase the biodiversity in our food system to sustain this interconnectedness.

Taking a multidisciplinary approach through stronger collaboration between every actor from farmers to consumers can contribute to diversifying biodiversity in our food system. Biodiversity in our food system is interconnected between every species across all levels. Global governance has been responding to this urgency in incorporating the need for biodiversity in our food system on the global agenda.

Watch the recording of the e-seminar on CIES Website for more details.

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