

## MEDIA RELEASE: WORLD FOOD DAY: WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL CALLS FOR WELLBEING OF PEOPLE AND NATURE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

*16 October 2023* - On the occasion of World Food Day, members of the World Future Council gather at one of the largest and unique biodynamic farms in Europe, Fattoria la Vialla in Italy, to call for sustainable food systems to protect ecosystems, eliminate hunger and malnutrition, help eradicate poverty and strengthen regenerative economies.

Helmy Abouleish, co-chair of the Ecosystem Commission says: "Today, we should all remember that it is Mother Nature and the ecosystems who are providing us with food. Every one of us is responsible to restore and regenerate ecosystems so that all of us can live dignified lives. I am very happy that we at the World Future Council's Ecosystem Commission are working to research and promote solutions for ecosystem restoration and regeneration and look forward to providing these solutions to all responsible consumers."

Thais Corral, co-chair of the commission says: "As we celebrate World Food Day, we should be aware of the interdependence between sustainable food production, regeneration of ecosystems and livelihoods. If you approach them together, you will guarantee the wellbeing of people and planet as one."

Vandana Shiva, Founding Councillor, points out: "The fossil fuel-based industry model is driving climate change, the health and the hunger crisis. Ecological localised food systems address the multiple crises and are the future."

Dr. J Daniel Dahm, Councillor says: "With food, we interlink nature and humans. Regenerative nutrition regenerates the salutgenese of humanity as well as the integrity and resilience of our carrying ecosystems."

Annette Mueller of Fattoria la Vialla says: "We are very happy that this wonderful gathering is taking place at Fattoria la Vialla. We hope the seeds that were planted during this meeting will bear rich fruit and inspire others to follow."



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