The OECD workshop on Sustainable Agriculture Technology and Practices will bring together Member governments’ officials, experts/researchers and farmers/practitioners in order to explore the most promising technical approaches to more environmentally sustainable agricultural production.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- to review the status of Member government actions with respect to development of programmes to encourage more environmentally sustainable agriculture;

- to present information on technologies and practices in use;

- to discuss the issues and the barriers to a more widespread adoption of these technologies and practices; and

- to improve understanding of the implication of these developments for agricultural policies and programmes.

Presentations, in many cases by practitioners, will emphasize the measures that should be adopted to encourage the use of technologies and practices in favour of an environmentally sustainable agriculture. The role of biotechnology, reforestation, water-saving irrigation, and methods for measuring results of improved farming methods in sustainable agriculture, and the implications of climate change for agriculture will also be covered.

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