

## INTRODUCTION

The Association for Farmers Rights Defense, AFRD is a non-partisan and non-profit organization is founded by a group of Scientists, Farmers and practitioners and headquartered in Georgia to become a National think-tank and forum for providing the best researches, policy analysis and recommendation's. The AFRD actively publishes news articles, commentary, background research and analysis on a broad range of issues, focusing on Agricultural, Agrobiodiversity Conservation and Climate Change, Social, Economic, Strategic and Organic Farming movement is and best practices supported and implemented by FAO on Timber and Non-Timber Forest Farming, Forest Biodiversity Conservation and Gene Banking.



Bordeaux, France

AFRD Georgia has been established in 1999, and dedicated for stimulating agricultural economic growth and policy reforms advocating its Member and Non-Member Farmers Rights, Interests providing training courses and educational seminars in different regions of Georgia in different issues like: Organic Farming, Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change, and Farmers Markets and Renewable energy projects. AFRD actively involved in Agrobiodiversity Conservation development of National Genes Bank. AFRD is a Head of The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) Georgian Chapter and Develops Rural Tourism. AFRD Georgia

Provides Young Farmers training, Internship and Exchange programs in the US and EU.

## WELCOME TO AFRD

We work to solve the existing problems of local farmers and their needs. Our activities mean holding Training courses and Educational seminars in different regions of Georgia, connected with farming and farms management, the members of the AFRD are about 1450 small and big farmers. AFRD carries out its activities in different Districts and Regions of Georgia and helps Farmers to enter organized Farmers Markets in Georgia to preserve fair trade in Georgia.



Rome, Italy

## OUR MISSION

The mission of AFRD Georgia is to provide a strong and unified national voice for domestic organic and non-organic producers.



AFRD as a Founder of the EUFRAS - European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services, provides Extension and Advisory Services to beginner Farmers and elder Farmers.



AFRD Georgia Supports collaboration and leadership among state, regional and Smallholder Farmers as they are the backbone of livelihoods and economies in Georgia. About 75% of all people in Georgia depend on smallholder-Family Farmers. Beyond its economic relevance, smallholder farming provides socio-cultural foundations of rural-life, identities and living spaces, and contributes to social resilience and sustainable Food Systems and resilience.



Agriculture in Georgia has changed radically in the last five decades. Food and fiber productivity soared due to new



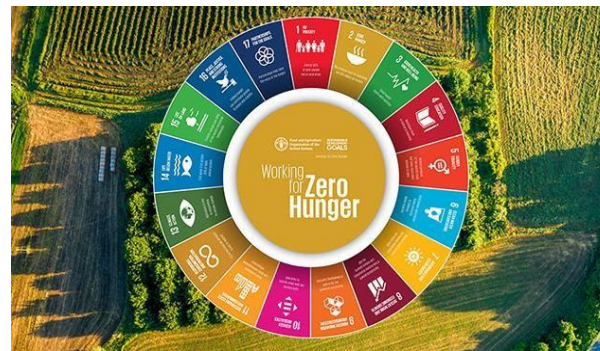


## SMART AGRICULTURE

AFRD Georgia is a Member of the SmartAgriHubs which provides a Regional Cluster (RC) Platform, where each regional cluster represents a group of agricultural Digital Innovation Hubs, Competence Centers and Innovation Experiments. The Regional Clusters are led by organizations that are closely related to national or regional digitization initiatives and funds. SmartAgriHubs gathers 9 Regional Clusters spread across Europe.

Although these changes have had many positive effects and reduced many risks in farming, there have also been significant costs. Prominent among these are topsoil depletion, groundwater contamination, the decline of family farms, continued neglect of the living and working conditions for farm laborers, increasing costs of production, and the disintegration of economic and social conditions in rural communities. A growing movement has emerged during the past two decades to question the role of the agricultural establishment in promoting practices that contribute to these social problems. Today this movement for sustainable agriculture is garnering increasing support and acceptance within mainstream agriculture. Not only does sustainable agriculture address many environmental and social concerns, but it offers innovative and economically viable opportunities for

Growers, laborers, consumers, policymakers and many others in the entire food system. Sustainable agriculture integrates three main goals: environmental health, economic profitability, and social and economic equity.



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