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Conservation Agriculture (CA) is an innovative alternate paradigm of regenerative, ecological and sustainable agriculture that is replacing the degrading conventional tillage-based agriculture worldwide. CA has spread globally over more than 180 M ha (12.5%) of annual cropland across all continents. Global CA cropland area has been increasing at an annual rate of more than 10 M ha since 2008/09, with the area being distributed about equally between the global South and the global North. The adoption of CA is occurring in most major land-based farming systems in rainfed and irrigated agriculture. Smallholders and larger-scale farmers worldwide are successfully overcoming the biophysical and socio-economic constraints to achieve this remarkable agricultural transformation and harnessing a range of productivity, economic, environmental and social benefits.

This sub-theme presentation will highlight some of the key experiences and learnings about CA systems in different regions across the world. It will touch upon some of the implications for the future, taking into consideration regional differences and the changing nature of the global challenges with regards to the food and agriculture system.

**Successful experiences and learnings from  
Conservation Agriculture worldwide  
Thursday 22 October 2020 14:00-15:00 hrs  
(Rome Time – CET)**

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## Agenda

*Moderator – Prof. Dr. Gottlieb Basch (President of the European Conservation Agriculture Federation, ECAAF)*

1. Introduction to the webinar series – Dr. Fenton Beed, NSPLD Team Leader (FAO)
2. Successful experiences and learnings from Conservation Agriculture worldwide - Prof. Amir Kassam, University of Reading, UK
3. Questions and answers
4. Closing remarks – Hafiz Muminjanov (FAO) and Gottlieb Basch (ECAAF)

## The webinar schedule:

- 5 November 2020: Farm and ecosystem level benefits of CA systems to farmers, society and environment - Dr. Don Reicosky, retired Soil Scientist from the USDA-ARS, University of Minnesota, USA
- 19 November 2020: Mainstreaming of CA with national policy and institutional support and for global governance to support national and international needs and commitments – Mr. Tom Goddard, retired Senior Policy Advisor, Alberta, Canada
- 3 December 2020: Promoting CA-based knowledge and innovation systems and information sharing and communication – Dr. Rachid Mrabet, Research Director of INRA, Morocco

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