

Excerpts from an interview with

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- **With the Global Biocontrol Summit – 2nd edition coming up, can you give us a brief synopsis of what you will be covering in your session/ presentation/ or part of the panel discussion?**

I will briefly present a theoretical framework to explore the different steps involved in a pathway to create agro-ecological outcomes at farm level from the concept of Biodiversity. Within this pathway, the importance of farmer-to- farmer approaches, as well as participative co-creation of knowledge between different stakeholders will be highlighted, as a strategy to reduce the gap between current scientific knowledge and farmers' practices applied at field level.

- **Which disruptive technologies do you think will make a massive impact on the industry over the next few years?**

I think nanotechnology, artificial intelligence, and robotics will have a huge impact on how biocontrol can help us to change the current pesticide-based approach that dominates in pest control nowadays.

- **Finally, what are you hoping to take away from the forum?**

After the forum, I would like to have a deeper understanding in how to reduce the gap between scientific knowledge and farming practices, and in how to overcome barriers in terms of adapting and adopting certain technologies at farm level. Also, I am very interested in knowing how companies are facing the challenges of climate change and global biodiversity loss in terms of generating adequate and environmentally safe new products to promote biological control.