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Global Highlights

Global Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is organizing the first-ever Global Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (GAMC), with the theme “Efficiency, Inclusiveness and Resilience” from 27 to 29 September 2023. This event will provide a neutral forum for FAO Members, farmers, universities, agricultural scientists, mechanization service providers, development agencies, policy makers, extension specialists, civil society, opinion leaders and private sector for focused dialogues to prioritise actions and strengthen technical networks for sustainable development of agricultural mechanization.

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The IFAD-GEF Advantage III: An integrated approach for food systems, climate and nature

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is the financial backbone of multilateral environmental agreements for a “healthy planet and healthy people”. Agriculture, with its substantial carbon and ecological footprint, holds immense potential for transformation. Small-scale farms contribute to agrobiodiversity, carbon sequestration and sustainable land management, forming the bedrock for a harmonious planet and population.

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Free, Prior and Informed Consent: Applying the principle to on-the-ground action

At IFAD we are actively engaging with Indigenous Peoples seeking ways to increase participation, expand the space for Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge and perspectives and more effectively affirm the right to free, prior and informed consent.

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FAO Science and innovation forum 2023

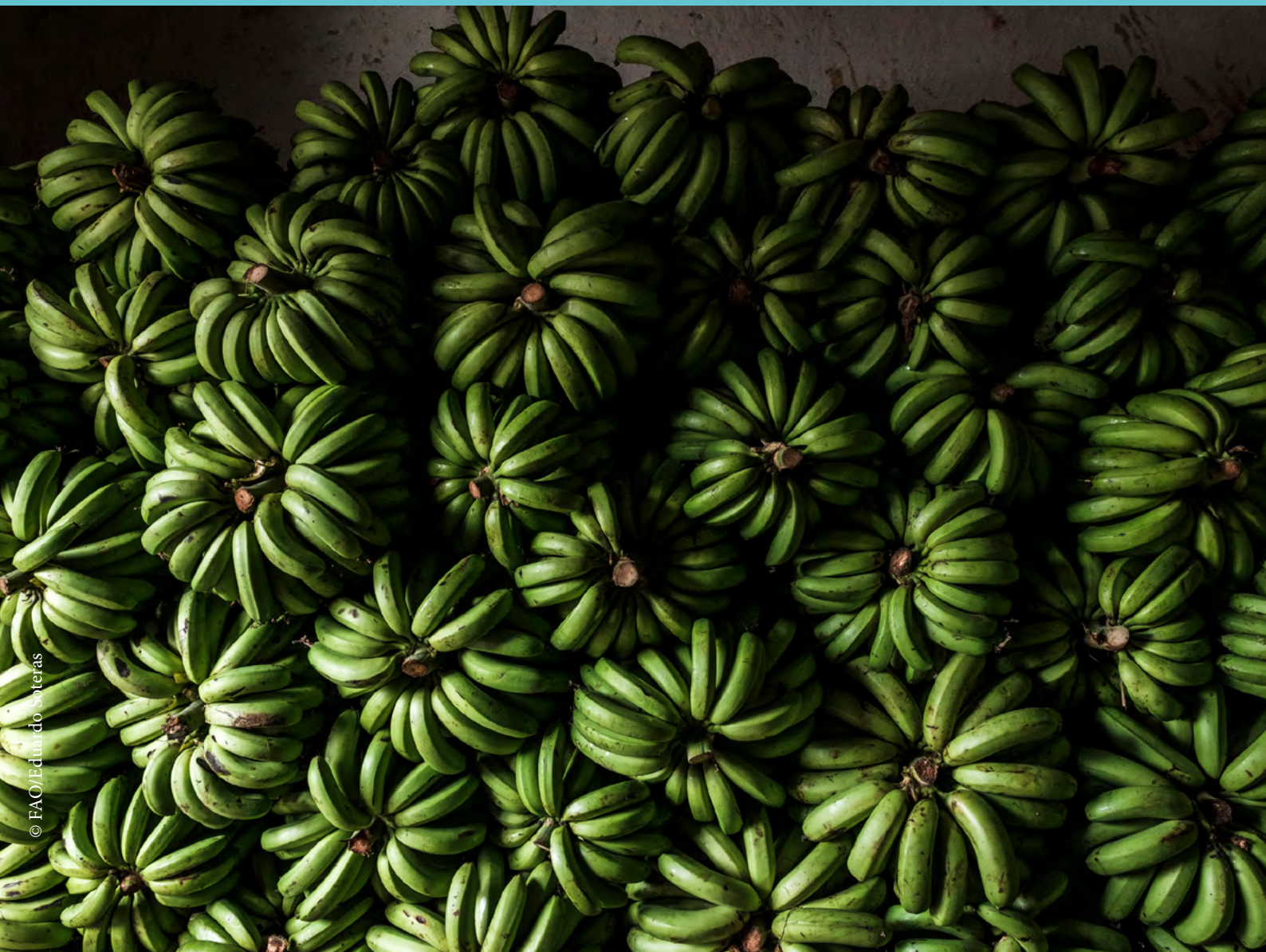
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is organizing the FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2023 (SIF 2023), which will take place from 16 to 20 October 2023 in a hybrid mode, at the Headquarters of FAO in Rome, Italy, and virtually. SIF 2023 builds on the success of SIF 2022. T

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Resilience and food security in a food systems context

This open access book compiles a series of chapters written by internationally recognized experts known for their in-depth but critical views on questions of resilience and food security. The book assesses rigorously and critically the contribution of the concept of resilience in advancing our understanding and ability to design and implement development interventions in relation to food security and humanitarian crises. For this, the book departs from the narrow beaten tracks of agriculture and trade, which have influenced the mainstream debate on food security for nearly 60 years, and adopts instead a wider, more holistic perspective, framed around food systems.

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Latest from Africa

Cultivating diversity for a just agroecological transition of Africa's food systems

In this briefing, Cultivating diversity for a just agroecological transition in Africa: the inextricable link between agricultural biodiversity, agroecology, climate change, and biodiversity, we highlight the pivotal role of agricultural biodiversity, in particular, crop diversity and its interrelatedness and dependence on farmer managed seed systems and the unfettered exercise of farmers' rights, as integral to agroecology.

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Investing in rural people in the United Republic of Tanzania

IFAD's Executive Board approved its first loan to the United Republic of Tanzania in 1978 – the second loan ever approved by the Board. Since then, IFAD has approved and financed 16 projects with investments of US\$402.5 million and 4.2 million households have benefited from these activities. Tanzania has the fifth-largest IFAD portfolio (in terms of volume of lending) in the East and Southern Africa region.

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The Sudan Emergency Livelihood Response Plan, September 2023–August 2024

Restoring and enhancing food production and strengthening agricultural livelihoods to support farming, herding and fishing communities

On 15 April 2023, an armed conflict erupted between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces in the Sudanese capital Khartoum. Over four months since fighting began, the conflict has since spilled over into the Darfur region and parts of Kordofan and Blue Nile states, reigniting intercommunal violence and causing widespread displacement.

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Latest from Asia and the Pacific

Diversity of bees and wild pollinators in the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam

A survey on the diversity of bees and wild pollinators and the status of the bee industry was conducted in the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The data were made available to the respective National Coordinators (NC) for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and entered into the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS).

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FAO Afghanistan Newsletter, 2nd quarter 2021 - Issue #24

This newsletter compiles the human-interest stories and news releases published in the second quarter of 2021 by the FAO Representation in Afghanistan.

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Photo Story: The Pacific Islands Rural and Agriculture Stimulus Facility in Fiji

The Pacific Islands Rural and Agriculture Stimulus Facility (PIRAS) is a COVID-19 recovery programme that emphasizes food self-reliance, improved nutrition and the development of sustainable, equitable agricultural livelihood opportunities for rural communities in Fiji and five other Pacific Island countries.

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Latest from Europe and Central Asia

Lessons learned from the introduction of land consolidation in North Macedonia during 2014–2023

Since 2014, North Macedonia has developed into the flagship country for FAO support to land consolidation in Europe and Central Asia. The first small technical assistance project began in 2014.

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EU SOIL OBSERVATORY - EUSO Soil Health Dashboard

The speedometer indicates the proportion of land likely to be affected by one or more soil degradation processes or by soil sealing in the EU. It is based on the convergence of evidence approach described below. This figure is subject to a degree of uncertainty.

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Water-smart greenhouses in Uzbekistan

Large, flavorful tomatoes ripen in Odina Sattorova's backyard greenhouse in Uzbekistan's Ferghana Valley. Their perfect shape, rich colour and smooth texture – undeniable indicators of quality – are the result of many days of intensive work in the greenhouse. Odina, who has worked in greenhouses taking care of seedlings and helping harvest grapes since she was young, was used to this kind of hard work. Her family relied on agriculture to earn their living.

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Latest from Latin America and the Caribbean

New narratives for rural transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards a renewed measurement and characterization of rural spaces.

In recent decades, rural spaces have undergone important economic, social, demographic and cultural transformations. They are no longer synonymous with agricultural activity and their greater degree of interaction with urban spaces has had a significant impact on the identities of the populations and the characteristics of the territories.

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Recommendations for the sustainable development of small-scale artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in South America

This document is addressed to the people who work every day in small-scale artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in South America, men and women who make it possible for us to have healthy and nutritious food, and who contribute to food security and local development.

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Latest from Near East and North Africa

Economic growth through optimized agricultural value chains

Water is the foundation of everything: without safe, reliable, and accessible water resources, communities, ecosystems, and economies cannot successfully adapt to change.

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Youth in Mauritania uncover the potential that their lands have to offer

Aly Oumar Mohamed Sy used to almost dread the idea of making a living from farming. But “now that I’ve learned how to take care of the soil and cultivate it, I consider farming as my life’s work,” says the 24-year-old from Mauritania’s Trarza region. What’s made the difference is an initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which gives young people a chance to learn practical farming skills to improve their prospects in the labour market.

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Freekeh: The ancient dish firing up rural women’s futures in Lebanon

There is a special and nutritious cereal food born from the fire. Some call it “farik” or “frik”, but its true name is freekeh, which comes from the Arabic word farak: “to rub”.

Norma Kozah Rahmeh and her twin daughters, like other women growers in Lebanon’s Bekaa valley, harvest this durum wheat before it fully ripens. They pile it, sun-dry it and then carefully set it on fire so that only the straws and the chaffs burn.

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ADVOCADO: Advocacy Learning Platform

SALSIFI (Supporting Advanced Learning for Stakeholders Involved in Sustainable Food systems Initiatives) is an Erasmus+ Project aiming to develop and implement an innovative transnational education programme reinforcing the capacity of CSA networks and civil servants at local, regional, national and EU levels to engage in collaborative public food policy-making processes.

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La agricultura y la ganadería familiar, centro de nuestras actuaciones y núcleo de la nueva PAC

En el año 2014, la declaración del “Año Internacional de la Agricultura Familiar” puso de relieve el papel de conservar las comunidades rurales es una victoria social, económica y medioambiental, y la agricultura y la ganadería tienen un papel central en esa victoria. Garantizar la continuidad de la actividad económica agraria y el fortalecimiento del tejido social supone contribuir a la preservación de esas comunidades, unas comunidades que transmiten, generación tras generación, historia, cultura, sabiduría, respeto por el medio natural y toda una forma de vida asociada al ámbito rural.

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Best Practice Guide for Collecting Agroecological Knowledge

The “Mediterranean Caravan: Learning and Sharing Agroecology - MedCaravan” project, supported by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Programme, is implemented between 2020 and 2023, by DEAFAL (Italy), Buğday Association for Supporting Ecological Living (Turkey), Zelena Tranzicija (Serbia), HSEP (Croatia), FCiencias. ID (Portugal) and URGENCI, the international network of all forms of Local Solidarity-based Partnerships for Agroecology (LSPAs).

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ARC 2020 Autumn Newsletter

First up, The European Coordination of Let’s Liberate Diversity! and the Irish Seed Savers Association (ISSA), are together hosting a 3 days forum “to gather, exchange and learn together about cultivated diversity and dynamic seed management”. Already over 20 different workshops are proposed, with many more planned.

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EU CAP Network Newsletter August 2023

In the new EU CAP Network, innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI play a crucial role in sharing good practices and connecting people across EU agriculture, forestry and rural areas. The new edition of the Agrinnovation magazine offers inspiring stories, interviews, Operational Group updates and other news from across Europe.

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Farming Practice of the month

Rapeseed regrowth and white clover cover crop valorisation through sheep grazing (DiverIMPACTS Practice Abstract)

Rapeseed is usually sown in August together with winter sensitive legumes (Alexandrian clover, lentils, field beans and peas) acting as companion plants limiting weed development. In our case, we add white clover (WC) to the seeds mixture as a winter persistent legume that will grow slowly under the rapeseed and other companion plants mixture.

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E-LEARNING of the month

Mitigating the impact of irrigation infrastructure on fish migration

The course details migratory fish ecology and how river development such as dams and weirs impact fish, biodiversity and food security.

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Bivalve Mollusc Sanitation: Growing Area Monitoring

This third course in the e-learning series details the Growing Area Monitoring activity in a bivalve mollusc sanitation programme.

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Pathway to aquaculture biosecurity: managing disease risks in the value chain

This course introduces the Progressive Management Pathway for Aquaculture Biosecurity (PMP/AB) which uses a risk-based approach to improve the overall sustainability of the aquaculture sector.

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Latest from Agroecology

Agroecology Schools Newsletter

We are happy to deliver you autumn agroecology news from the Community of Practice on Agroecology in Europe and Central Asia. Below you will find several sections with regional news on the agroecology schools and organizations of small producers as well as some worldwide inspiring news. We would like to encourage you to use the Bilim.network platform, which enables multilingual communication. We also enclose the final version of the Agroecology Schools Toolkit that is ready for your use! It is good to see agroecology activities fruiting! We hope you enjoy the quarterly packet of news from agroecology's fields!

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