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WSIS+20 FORUM
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL AGRICULTURE: PROCESS FOR PROGRESS

Reflecting and building on WSIS 20 years' journey

THURSDAY, 30 MAY
11:00 - 11:45 CEST

This event will highlight how FAO's major contributions to WSIS, strengthened through strategic partnerships, and including major digital initiatives such as the FAO Digital Services Portfolio -just recognized as WSIS Prize Champion 2024 - have helped raise awareness of the transformative potential of digital technologies in agrifood systems over the last 20 years and catalyzed efforts to leverage digital innovation for food security, poverty reduction, and rural development worldwide.

With the participation of FAO leadership and management representatives, as well as some of the Organization's main partners, that will bring forward concrete examples of amplified use of digital tools, big data, artificial intelligence, through coherent action and enabling mechanisms for strengthening digital capabilities, FAO's session will build on the Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015, towards 2025 and mark progress towards also important UN led initiatives such as the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future.

It will showcase how, despite new challenges to tackle, but with new solutions to bring and new partnerships to build, the safe and ethical use of digital technologies, including AI, is now more than ever a critical component for accelerating the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leaving no one behind.





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Agenda

Opening Remarks by **Máximo Torero**, Chief
Economist, FAO

Dejan Jakovljevic, Director Digital FAO and
Agro-Informatics Division and Chief Information
Officer, FAO

Henry van Burgsteden, Senior Innovation
Officer, Office of Innovation, FAO

Sebastian Bosse, Head of Interactive and
Cognitive Systems Group, Fraunhofer Heinrich
Hertz Institute

Sophie Treinen, Communication for
Development Officer, Partnerships and UN
Collaboration Division, FAO

Questions and Answers

Moderated by **Agustina Maria Grossi**,
Programme Officer, Office of the Director-General,
FAO