

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION FOR FAMILY FARMERS

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From 21 to 23 November 2018 FAO organizes the [International Symposium on Agricultural Innovation for Family Farmers: unlocking the potential of agricultural innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals](#). The Symposium will take place in the FAO headquarters in Rome (Italy).



The FAO website underlines that..."The world is facing unprecedented global challenges that affect the sustainability of food and agriculture systems, and thus the livelihoods of millions of family farmers worldwide. These challenges pose serious threats to achieving the right to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger. More food will be needed to feed a growing population and, in order to meet sustainability goals, the bulk of this increase must come from family farming. In this context, innovation is the central driving force to transform food systems, lift family farmers out of poverty and help the world to achieve food security and sustainable agriculture and the SDGs."



In this context, the objectives of the Symposium are the following:

- Serve as a global knowledge and partnership platform to better understand the potential of innovation in agriculture to address the SDGs, with a special focus on supporting smallholder and family farmers
- Increase understanding of the drivers of innovation and the main constraints
- Propose processes, pathways and interventions needed to unlock the potential of innovation in agriculture and scaling up inclusive innovations;
- Celebrate inspiring success stories of innovation and innovators in sustainable agriculture
- Act as a catalyst for boosting partnerships as well as public and private investments to foster and scale up agricultural innovation



It is expected that there will be up to 500 participants in the symposium. They will be representatives of FAO member state governments, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-state actors. This last group includes the representatives of civil society organizations;



private sector entities (including philanthropic foundations); academia and research institutions; and producer organizations and cooperatives.

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