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This newsletter provides information on sustainable food value chain development, which may be of interest to you. The newsletter is a core tool for knowledge sharing among members of the Technical Network.

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FAO news



Official launch of the new knowledge platform: Sustainable Food Value Chains

FAO will launch the Sustainable Food Value Chains Knowledge Platform on 9 June 2016 at the workshop on

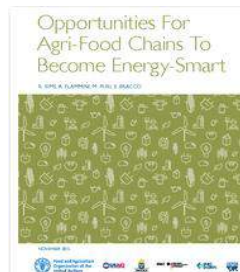
“Sustainable Food Value Chains for Sustainable Food Systems”. This global knowledge platform is a gateway to practical guidance and information on the development of sustainable food value chains. Please join the platform [here](#) to network with fellow practitioners and receive regular updates. You are also invited to the official launch in the Iraq room (FAO Headquarters) at 15.45-15.55 (Rome time) on 9 June or online [here](#). Contact: David.Neven@fao.org (SP4) and sfvc@fao.org

Enhancing nutrition by supporting women in benefiting from the small-scale fisheries value chain in Côte d'Ivoire

In Côte d'Ivoire, fish - both fresh and processed - is the main source of animal protein for the majority of the population. Most of the supply comes from artisanal fishing and processing, which is dominated by women. It is therefore crucial to support women's formal and informal associations, national institutions, advisory services and small-scale enterprises in upgrading to improve the quality and quantity of the fish supply. FAO is partnering Ivorian institutions and local service providers to enhance technical and managerial capacities and facilitate access to equipment and facilities for women's associations and small-scale processing enterprises in the regions of Abidjan, Grand-Lahou and Guessabo. This initiative is part of the scale-up of best practices and experiences drawn from a technical cooperation project aimed at strengthening the capacity and regulatory framework for preventing and reducing post-harvest losses of fish products. It is supported through a component of the Multipartner Programme Support Mechanism (FMM) funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and aims to enable women to benefit more equally from agrifood value chains. The objective is to promote economic empowerment of women and trigger multiplier effects on households' food security, nutrition, education and health. Contact: Cristina.Scarpocchi@fao.org (ESN)



FAO-USAID report: *Opportunities for agri-food chains to become energy-smart*



How can actors in the agrifood industry reduce their dependence on fossil fuels and become more resilient to possible future climate change impacts? This new study, published by FAO and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), outlines options for three agricultural value chains. The report provides detailed data on the energy requirements and possible clean-energy solutions along the dairy, rice and vegetables value chains, and promotes the design of a development framework that increases productivity and value generation in rural areas. It aims to assist farm businesses, farmer associations, practitioners, training institutions, food processing companies,

policy-makers and other stakeholders in the agrifood industry in reducing their dependence on fossil fuels, reducing related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and becoming more resilient to possible future impacts of climate change. Download the report [here](#).

Resources from the Network's past events

1. On 10 May, the network held a meeting for exchanging knowledge and experiences of food value chains and updating members on the Network. Presentations from the meeting are available [here](#) and a recording can be accessed via the Workspace [here](#). As a result of technical issues in the meeting room, the presentation on food value chains in Angola could not be made. A webinar on this topic will be held on a date to be announced.
2. On 21 April, the Network organized a seminar/webinar by Jim Woodhill of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development on “Value Chains and the Promise of Inclusive Agribusiness - Rethinking the Public and Private Dimensions of Achieving Impact at Scale?” The presentation from the seminar/webinar is available on the Workspace [here](#) and a recording can be viewed via the Workspace [here](#). Contact: FTN-SFVC@fao.org

The Network's webinar series during the “Sustainable Value Chains for Sustainable Food Systems” workshop in June 2016

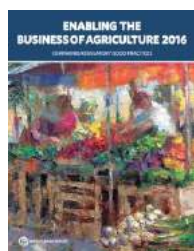
As reported in the previous e-newsletter, FAO is holding a multi-stakeholder workshop on “Sustainable Value Chains for Sustainable Food Systems” on 8 and 9 June in Rome, Italy. The Network will host a series of webinars during the workshop. Please see the workshop agenda [here](#) and join the webinar sessions you are interested in [here](#). The workshop will examine how the organization, functioning and governance of food value chains can enhance the sustainability of food systems, with particular attention to environmental, economic and social issues. It will consider resource-use efficiency (energy, water, etc.), including potential uses of co-products and by-products and reduction of losses along food chains; how food value chains can be organized to improve sustainability and create opportunities for employment and income generation in rural areas, particularly for women; and technologies, tools and institutional and organizational arrangements - including legal instruments such as contracts - that can improve environmental, economic and social impacts. Contact: FTN-SFVC@fao.org

FAO report on Ecuador's banana sector under climate change (in Spanish)

At the request of the Ecuadorian Government, FAO provided technical assistance for a life cycle assessment (LCA) of the environmental impacts of the banana value chain, to support Ecuador's work on sustainability and adaptation to climate change. The FAO-commissioned LCA studied the carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions of the banana value chain from Ecuador to the point of consumption in Europe, and covered production and consumption, including transportation and waste disposal. As well as this publication describing the study findings, FAO is also releasing an LCA tool that enables users to calculate their own banana carbon footprints according to local conditions. Download the report [here](#) (in Spanish) and the Excel-based LCA tool (in English and Spanish) [here](#). The English version will be released soon. Contact: Aziz.Elbehri@fao.org (EST)



Other news



World Bank report: *Enabling the business of agriculture 2016*

Building on the progress report published in November 2014, *Enabling the business of agriculture 2016: Comparing regulatory good practices* provides a tool to help policy-makers identify and analyse legal barriers to the business of agriculture, and quantify the transaction costs of complying with government regulations. The report presents the main results from 40 countries, using - for the first time - indicator scores to showcase good practices in countries at different stages of agricultural development. It also presents interesting results on the relationship between efficiency and the quality of regulations, discriminatory practices in laws, and

whether regulatory information is accessible. Trends and data observations by region, income group and country are presented on six topics: seeds, fertilizers, machinery, finance, markets, and transport. The report also discusses the development of additional topics for future reports: information and communication technology, land, water, livestock, gender, and environmental sustainability. Download the report [here](#).

Feedback from the conference on localized agrifood systems

Subtitled “Challenges for the New Rurality in a Changing World”, the 7th International Conference on Localized Agri-Food Systems took place in Stockholm, Sweden from 8 to 10 May 2016. The conference had sessions on: i) the new rurality; ii) territorial governance and localized agrifood systems; iii) localized agrifood systems and the market - short food chains, public procurement and tourism; and iv) environment and agroecology for localized agrifood systems. **Contact:** Florence.Tartanac@fao.org (ESN)

New paper: *Off the ground - Investing in Rwanda's agriculture value chains*



Published by [Agriculture for Impact](#), this briefing paper focuses on the potential to add to existing successes by developing strong and resilient agricultural value chains that offer opportunities for smallholder farmers and young entrepreneurs in rural areas. Through six case studies and many more examples gained from visits facilitated by TechnoServe and the One Acre Fund, the paper highlights success stories along agribusiness value chains that have helped young, rural Rwandans to get their ambitions “off the ground”. There is reason for optimism in Rwanda’s food sector, which is ripe with opportunities that can be harnessed to improve livelihoods and strengthen rural economies. In particular, the diversification of rural incomes to incorporate off-farm activities can

increase resilience to socio-economic shocks and climatic stresses. However, there is an investment gap that needs to be filled to achieve resilient value chains in which actors work together and ensure that rural people are able to capture the added value. The briefing paper advocates for government, donors and the private sector to work together to fill this gap with interventions that are scalable and have positive impacts. Download the briefing paper [here](#).

AsDB to help develop an inclusive and environmentally sustainable hazelnut value chain in Bhutan

Last month, the Asian Development Bank (AsDB) announced that it was co-financing a hazelnut value chain project in Bhutan. The project aims to include poor smallholder farmers in the hazelnut value chain and will assist hazelnut farming in becoming more climate-resilient and increasing and diversifying the incomes of smallholder farmers. Read on [here](#).



World Bank report: *Exclusion of small-scale farmers from coordinated supply chains: market failure, policy failure, or just economies of scale?*

Published as a working paper, this report provides a framework for understanding the rapid spread of coordinated supply chains and why small-scale farmers are included or excluded. It presents arguments for policy intervention in cases where small-scale and evolving large-scale producers face restricted access to supply chains because of market and policy failure. Download the working paper [here](#).

Upcoming events

Sustainable Foods Summits, June 2016

1. The European Sustainable Foods Summit will take place on 9-10 June 2016, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Sustainable ingredients, food waste and marketing developments will be featured. For more information visit the [website](#).
2. The Latin American Sustainable Foods Summit will take place on 29-30 June 2016, in São Paulo, Brazil. This summit will focus on sustainable ingredients, food traceability and tackling food waste. For more information visit the [website](#).

As in previous years, the summits will bring together leading organizations involved in eco-labelling and sustainability in the food industry.



SEEP Annual Conference: “Expanding Market Frontiers”, September 2016, Arlington, Virginia, USA

The Small Enterprise and Education Promotion ([SEEP](#)) Network’s 2016 Annual Conference will take place in Arlington, Virginia, United States of America from 19 to 21 September 2016 on the theme of “Expanding Market Frontiers”. The conference will have four technical tracks: i) expanding and deepening financial Inclusion; ii) enhancing food security through market-oriented interventions; iii) enabling market development in fragile and conflict-affected areas; and iv) obtaining and using the right kinds of evidence. For more information and

registration visit the [website](#).

ValueLinks introductory training seminar, September 2016, Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire

An introductory training seminar in French will be organized by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and its partners from 19 to 23 September 2016, in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire. The seminar, which is directed to value chain promotion practitioners in Africa, is open for registration and participation fees are applied. For more information visit the [website](#).

International conference on “Agri-Chains and Sustainable Development: Linking Local and Global Dynamics”, December 2016, Montpellier, France

The conference will be organized by the International Cooperation Centre of Agricultural Research for Development ([CIRAD](#)) from 12 to 14 December 2016

in Montpellier, France and will discuss the role of agricultural value chains in implementing global and local frameworks and partnerships for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Debates will be devoted to: i) performance and evaluation of agricultural value chains with respect to the SDGs; ii) innovations and partnerships for transforming or establishing value chains; and iii) regulations for rebuilding public and collective action at different scales in support of the SDGs. For more information and registration visit the conference [website](#).



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