

The role of technological innovations to help accelerate poverty reduction and achieve Zero Hunger

May 15, 2019 14:00-17:30  
Fiera di Roma, Pavillion 10  
Sala Euphemia, Rome

## Agenda

### 14.00 – 14.20 OPENING REMARKS

- **Mr Amir Abdulla**, Deputy Executive Director, WFP - On behalf of RBAs
- **Mr. Gengsheng XIA**, Vice Minister, the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP), China

### 14.20 – 14.40 RESULT RELEASE OF THE GLOBAL SOLICITATION AND CHALLENGE PRIZE ON BEST POVERTY REDUCTION PRACTICES

#### Moderator:

**Mr. Lisheng XUE**, Vice Editor-in-Chief, CIIC

*3-minute video presenting the result of selected case studies*

### 14.40 – 15.45 SESSION 1 – MULTISTAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE: FACILITATING THE ACCESS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES TO TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

#### Moderator:

**Ashwani K. Muthoo**, Director of the Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD

**"Internet + Poverty Reduction": An effective approach for targeted poverty alleviation through ICTs.**

- **Mr. Limin Ni**, Director of Alibaba Poverty Relief Fund, Alibaba Group

**"ADB case of Shanxi Integrated Agricultural Development Project"**

- **Ms. Melanie Ullrich**, External Relations Officer, European Representative Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**"Digitalization in the Field: IT tools to improve agricultural productivity and human development in rural areas"**

- **Mr Giampaolo Silvestri**, Secretary-General, AVSI Foundation

**"Food Policy Analysis in the Digital Age: The Agricultural Investment Data Analyzer"**

- **James Thurlow**, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

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### 15.45 – 16.15 COFFEE BREAK

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16.15 – 17.15 **SESSION 2 – CASE STUDIES: HOW TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS HELPED ACCELERATING POVERTY REDUCTION AND ERADICATING HUNGER**

**Moderator:**

**Zuo Changsheng**, Director General, IPRCC

**UN Decade of Family Farming**

- **Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano Piedra**, Alternate Permanent Representative, Republic of Costa Rica to FAO, IFAD and WFP

**The role of ICTs and innovation in the Rural Women's Economic Empowerment Partnership – a joint initiative between FAO, IFAD, UN Women and WFP, which takes place in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nepal, Niger, and Rwanda**

- **Ms Azzurra Chiarini**, Global Coordinator, Joint Programme “Accelerating Progress towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women”

**Ecosystem rehabilitation for poverty alleviation: Model of Ke'erqin Zuoyi Houqi (County), Inner Mongolia**

- **Mr. Zhiwei HE**, County Mayor, Kezuo Houqi (County), Tongliao City, Inner Mongolia, China

**Poverty reduction through charitable vocational education: the story of BN Vocational School**

- **Ms Li YAO**, Founder and Chairperson of BN Vocational School, China.

**Q&A session**

17.15 – 17.30 **CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Mr Shengyao Tang**, Director, Office of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, FAO – On behalf of RBAs