Launch of the FAO elearning Academy: Strengthening capacity to face global challenges

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INTRODUCTION

The FAO elearning Academy supports Member Countries, through capacity development interventions and elearning courses. These courses are offered free of charge, as a global public good and were created to transfer know-how, skills and competencies using diverse methodologies such as self-paced elearning courses, blended learning programmes, massive open online courses (MOOCs), technical webinars, online tutored courses, mobile learning, international hackathons on the SDGs, global 24-hour marathons on sustainability, university master programmes and postgraduate degrees, as well as training workshops.

The FAO elearning Academy offers over **350 multilingual elearning courses**, free of charge, as a global public good and is the result of a collaborative effort which involves over **200 partners** throughout the world.

The overall objective of the FAO elearning Academy is to strengthen the human capital, through the acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences, in order to generate competent professionals able to face the global challenges. The FAO elearning Academy has now reached a global audience of more than **600 000 users**. The courses are developed with all FAO technical divisions, accross all Strategic Programmes (SPs) and cover the main priority areas of FAO: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), climate smart agriculture, sustainable food systems and nutrition, food safety, food losses, child labour, responsible governance to tenure among others, and are fully aligned with the SDG Agenda 2030.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WEBINAR

- Officially launch the FAO elearning Academy now available in six languages
- Describe the international certification offered, through the digital badges system
- Raise awareness on the various pedagogical models and learning solutions offered

PANEL

The official launch of the FAO multilingual elearning Academy will be organized according to the following agenda:

14:30 - 14:40	**Ms Beth Bechdol**, FAO Deputy Director-General and Officer-in-Charge Programme Support and Technical Cooperation Department	Opening remarks
14:40 - 14:50	**Ms Marcela Villareal**, Director of the FAO Partnerships Division	Role of the FAO elearning Academy in the implementation of FAO's strategic Framework and SDG Agenda 2030
14:50 - 15:10	**Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy	FAO elearning Academy pedagogical models and learning solutions, Partners, Digital Badges Certification System
15:10 - 15:55 **(5 minutes per intervention)**	**Testimonials** on the impact of the FAO elearning Academy: national, regional and global. Testimonials: FAO Strategic Programmes staff, private sector, academic partner institutions, European Union	Testimonials on the strategic role and impact of the FAO elearning courses in policy reform, formulation processes, and national and regional capacity development programmes
15:55 - 16:00	**Ms Dongxin Feng**, Head of the FAO Capacity Development and Academia Unit	Closing Remarks

HOW TO ATTEND

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