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INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Celebrating inspiring success stories of innovation and innovators

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has the pleasure to inform its Members that the **call for applications for the second edition** of the **International Innovation Award for Sustainable** Agriculture on the theme *"Innovation to transform food systems"* is now open. Individuals, private companies and institutions worldwide are being called to submit agricultural innovations that demonstrate concrete results and contribute to the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development: <u>http://www.fao.org/innovation/awards/en/</u>.

FAO and the Federal Government of Switzerland first launched the award in November 2018 in recognition of the key role of agricultural innovation in achieving a world free from hunger and malnutrition. The award does not only acknowledge digital innovation, but also new or existing products or practices that are used in a specific context, to increase effectiveness, competitiveness and resilience.

The award is divided in two categories:

- **Category A:** USD 30,000 is awarded for excellence in digitization and innovation for sustainable food systems.
- **Category B:** USD 30,000 recognizes an innovation that specifically empowers youth (under 35) in sustainable food systems.

*In line with the requirements and technical competencies of the Federal Office of Agriculture of Switzerland, all innovations must apply to **agriculture and pastoral systems only**

More information is included in the <u>terms and conditions</u> and the **application form** can be downloaded from the <u>website</u>.

We would be grateful for your support to promote the award as much as possible before the **call closes on 19 March 2021**.

Innovation Award website: <u>http://www.fao.org/innovation/awards/en/</u>

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