

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Accelerating green transformation in agrifood systems

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Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.



Food systems transformation is being advocated as an important priority for countries globally, and in our region





PROGRAMME PRIORITY AREAS (PPAs)





green agrifood systems

Agri-food systems in ECA region: challenges

- Increasing resource stress overexploitation, land, water,
- Unsustainable farming practices
- Loss of forests and biodiversity (42% decline)
- Land and soil degradation, soil pollution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Digital and knowledge inequalities

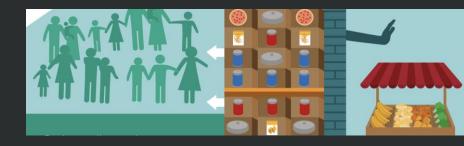


Unsustainable agrifood systems

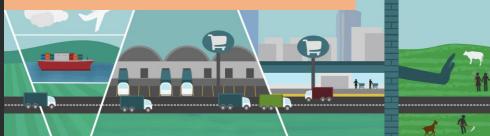
It is a growing threat to agricultural production and ecosystem services

Science and innovation are essential parts of finding solutions to these complex challenges

- Increased energy-intensity and ecological footprint associated with the lengthening and industrialization of food supply chains
- Wider distribution of animal diseases /
 plant pest/ intensive use of pesticides
- Limited access of smallscale producers and Agri-enterprises to viable markets
- Food losses and waste, increased incidences of food safety, and animal and human health issues.



- Food insecurity and Malnutrition
- Poor consumers excluded.....lack access to nutritious foods

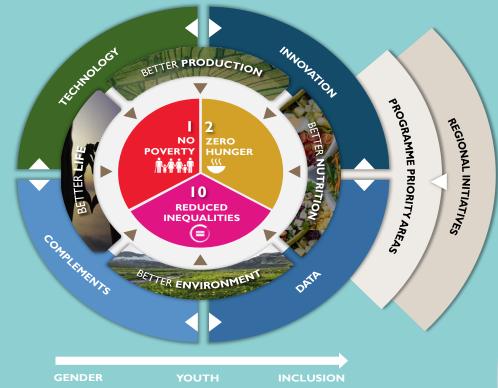


- Increased Poverty in urban and rural areas
- Lack of access to information and education
- Lack of interest among youth for agriculture

FAO SCIENCE & INNOVATION



STRATEGY



PILLAR 2 Supporting innovation and technology at regional and country level.

Outcome 2.1 Access to and use of innovations *and technologies*

Outcome 2.2 Capacities of national innovation systems

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

PILLAR 1 Strengthening science and evidencebased decision-making. Outcome 1.1 Knowledge and evidence Outcome 1.2 Science Policy Interfaces Outcome 1.3 Research for Development

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PILLAR 1 Serving Members better by reinforcing FAO's capacities.

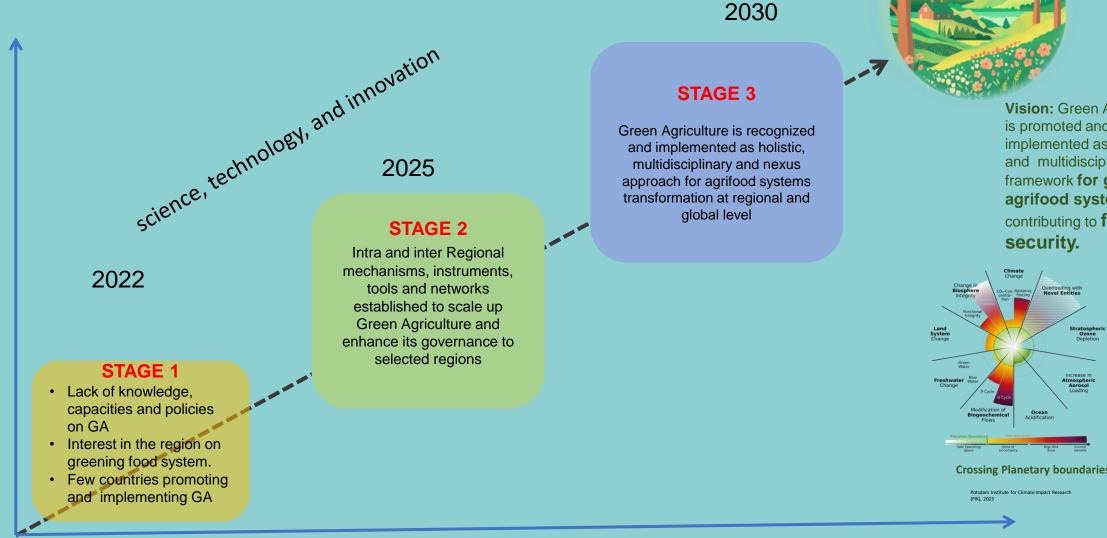
- Outcome 3.1 Knowledge management
- Outcome 3.2 Science communication
- Outcome 3.3 FAO capacities to enable S&I

GREEN AGRICULTURE VISION



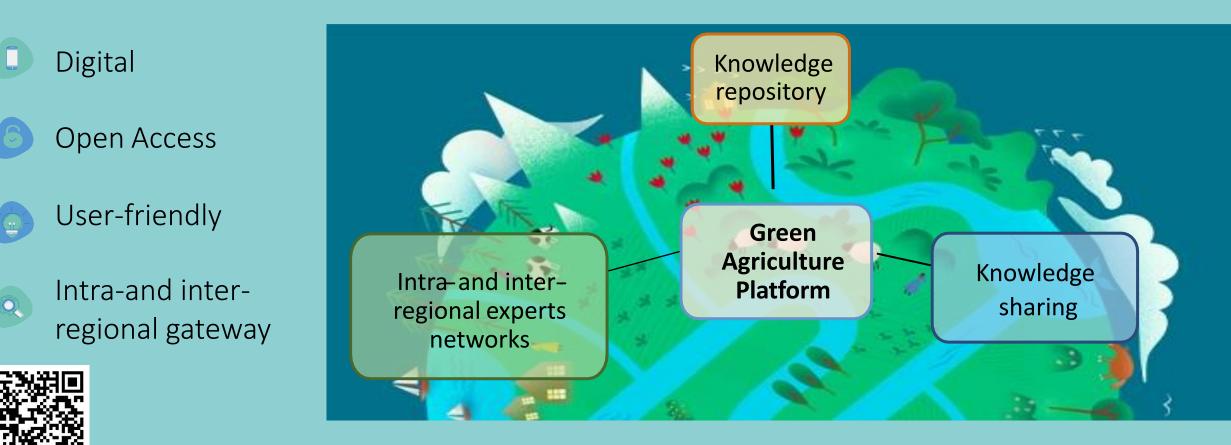
Vision: Green Agriculture is promoted and implemented as holistic, and multidisciplinary framework for greening agrifood systems, contributing to **food** security.

Crossing Planetary boundaries

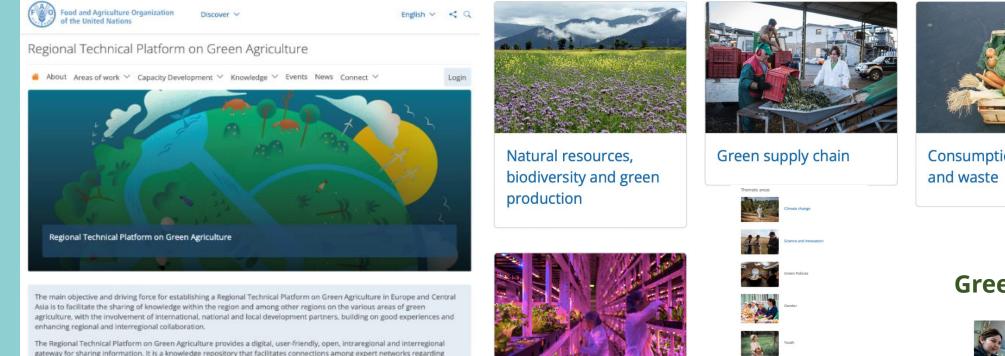


GOVERNANCE AND NETWORKS

RTP on Green Agriculture - a tool for greening agrifood system



https://www.fao.org/platforms/green-agriculture/en



The Regional Technical Platform on Green Agriculture aims at contributing to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, in line with the FAO Strategic Framework and under the so-called "four betters" - better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life - while leaving no one behind.

various technical areas related to green agriculture.

Cross-cutting areas Read more -+



Consumption, food loss

Green Practices Repository







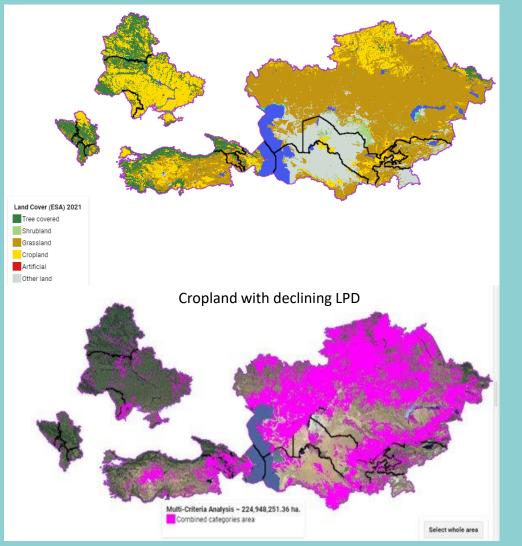
Areas of work - A food systems approach





Examples from Central Asia

1. Regional LDN Decision Support System



2. Artificial glaciers Kyrgyzstan



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3. Digital Villages Initiative & AgriTech Observatory Platform



Digital Villages

Aghali

Azerbaijan

Novkent

Uzbekistan





Kyrgyzstan



Përmet

Albania

Digital Villages Initiative (DVI)

AgriTech Observatory

215 initiatives in 208 countries or territories



4. Green transition in Plant Protection

- Pesticides use reduction in apple production in Türkiye
- Regional collaboration on wheat rust disease
- biocontrol to optimize grapevine production in Georgia and minimize negative environmental impacts

5. Green Finance Platform in Uzbekistan

Hub for information, resources, and opportunities related to environmentally sustainable financial practices.



6.Soil remediation technologies in Central Asia





Thank you!

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