
Opening Remarks at IFAD Innovation Talks No. 6 on “The role of the public sector in the assimilation process of agri-technologies: The Israeli Model”.

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Mr. Ziller Vice President of IFAD, Representatives from IFAD, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen
good afternoon

Innovation is at the core of the State of Israel’s ongoing development and success.

We harness the power of Israel's innovation and technology through the introduction of products, technologies, processes, skills, and the establishment of institutions both public and private.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development works to develop the agricultural sector in Israel, to ensure the supply of fresh and nutritional food to our citizens while promoting an efficient, economically and environmentally sustainable agriculture.

Our aim is to share with you a different agriculture that is not based on a "natural" comparative advantage, but relies on technological progress, innovation and entrepreneurial culture.

As part of Israel's public sector we see great importance in our involvement in the innovation processes, we support innovative technologies and work to integrate them into the current agricultural work.

In collaboration with the Israel Innovation Authority, we provide platforms and programs for the promotion and support of companies and entrepreneurs interested in initiating and conducting applied research to develop a product or technology for the local market and/or export.

I believe that sharing knowledge and building capabilities are essential for successful long-term results, and will support and uphold our common goal of achieving food security for the entire population.

I would like to thank IFAD for enabling this valuable activity and to the Israeli innovation authority for their participation and ongoing cooperation with our ministry.

I wish you all a fruitful and effective webinar!