

# Harnessing Digital Technologies and Experiences to Accelerate Agricultural and Rural Development in Asia and the Pacific

IFAD-ADB JOINT SYMPOSIUM IN COLLABORATION WITH MAFRA

23-24 November 2022  
Seoul, Republic of Korea



## Digital Agriculture Symposium

The **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** will jointly organise the Symposium in close collaboration with the **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)** of the Republic of Korea.

Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) hold significant potential to accelerate agricultural and rural development, and thus play a crucial role in achieving the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific region, and beyond.

The IFAD-ADB Joint Symposium is a two-day event that will bring together experts and development partner organisations who share an interest in harnessing digital agriculture and ICT4D investments to drive inclusive and sustainable rural transformation.

Speakers include delegates from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of Australia, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and MAFRA.

Also taking part in the discussions are representatives from research organisations including the Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI) and the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), the Green Climate Fund (GCF), global non-profit organisations including Precision Development, ecosystem enablers including Grow Asia and GSMA, as well as experts from ADB and IFAD.

### Expected outcomes

The event will highlight the importance of investing in digital solutions to accelerate sustainable and inclusive rural development, and through examples, will illustrate how ICTs and digital tools are contributing to solve challenges facing agriculture and rural economies in the Asia and the Pacific Region. Strategic partnerships are key to scaling up the use and impact of digital technologies for inclusive rural transformation, this event offers a platform for actors across different sectors to discuss and identify areas where efforts can be brought together to maximise disruptive impact.

### Participation

Face-to-face participation will be by invitation while virtual registration will be open. The event will also be livestreamed.

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