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FAO SCIENCE AND INNOVATION FORUM

Harnessing science, technology
and innovation for transforming
our agrifood systems

SIDE EVENT

11:00- 12:30 CEST | VIRTUAL

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Access to Scientific Information in the Global South: Partnering for Action

The side event will present initiatives managed by UN agencies and other stakeholders that support low-income countries to strengthen evidence-based decision making, especially on research and policies related to agrifood systems transformation.

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Side event organized by

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

The Elsevier Foundation

Research4Life

Background and rationale

The panel session will share initiatives on providing access to scientific research and coordinating actions to improve scientific publishing, in particular engaging with an increased number of actors from the Global South.

Through the Research4Life experience, this panel will share experiences from its partners and beyond – from challenges to good practices – inviting other stakeholders working on science as a global public good.

The objective of the session is to discuss the actions currently in place to facilitate the information and knowledge exchange, the benefits, their benefits, and contributions toward an inclusive, diverse and equitable scholarly environment – and how these initiatives are contributing strengthening science and evidence-based decision-making.

This event is directly contributing to the accessibility and dissemination of academia research outputs and data related to food and agriculture, with a focus on the exchange of knowledge and information as a critical step to achieving the SDGs.

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:10

OPENING REMARKS

Marcela Villarreal, Director, Partnerships and UN Division, FAO

11:10 – 12:00

EXPERIENCES ON PROVIDING ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND COORDINATING ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING RELATED TO AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

Moderator Marcela Villarreal, Director, Partnerships and UN Division, FAO

Gracian Chimwaza, Chair of the Executive Council, Research4Life

Kimberly Parker, Programme Manager, Science Division, World Health Organization (WHO)

Andrew Czajkowski, Director Technology and Innovation Support, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Ylann Schemm, Director, The Elsevier Foundation & Vice-President for Corporate Responsibility, Elsevier

Caroline Sutton, CEO, The International Association for Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM)

12:00 – 12:30

Q&A Session