



Facilitating Access to Global Grey Literature in Agriculture

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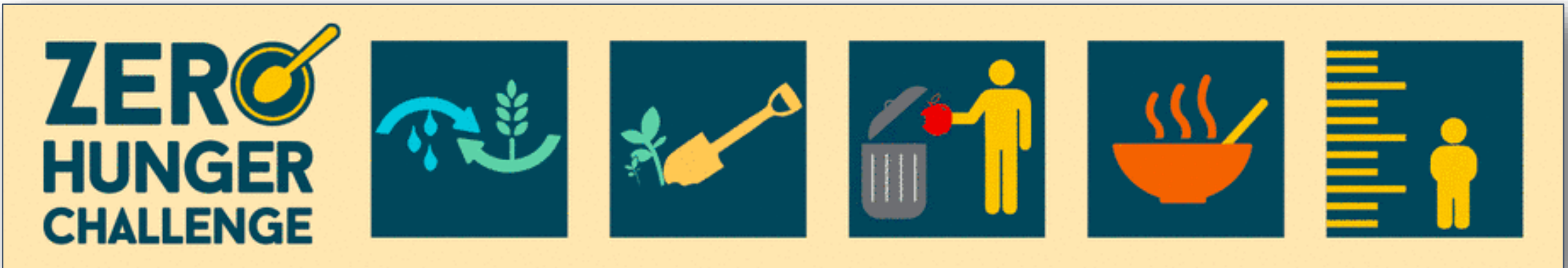
**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**

Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



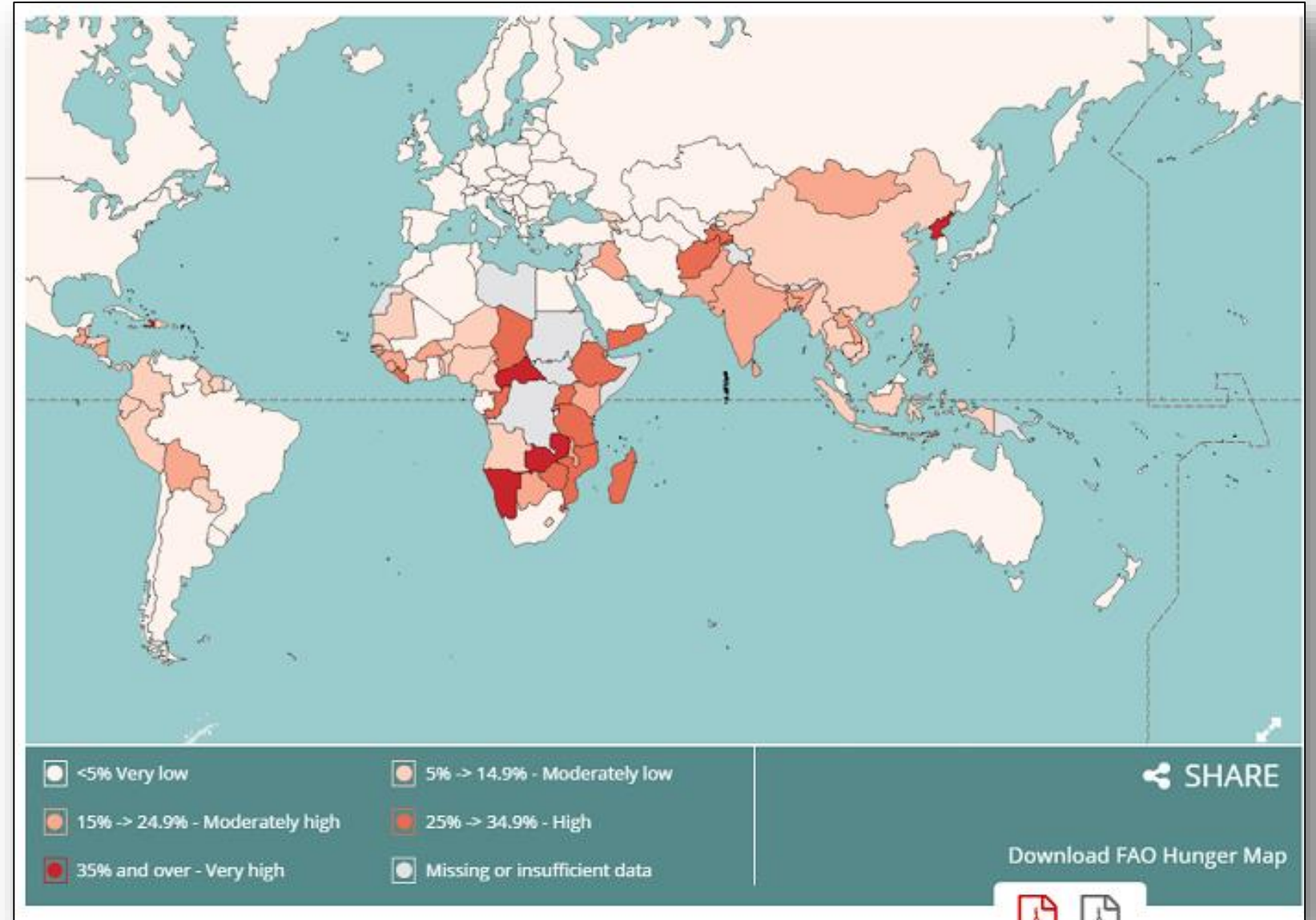
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

- Close to 800 million people are chronically undernourished and malnutrition affects almost one in three people on the planet
- By 2050, to feed another 2 billion people, food production will need to increase 50 percent globally and double in developing countries
- Achieving zero hunger at the heart of FAO



FAO, WFP and IFAD have been monitoring the state of hunger and malnutrition in the world, and they jointly produced SOFI2015.

Based on this data an interactive map was produced to detail *The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2015*.



FAO's role towards 2050

Custodian' UN agency for 21 indicators, SDGs 2,5,6,12,14 and 15 and as a contributing agency for four more.

Collecting, validating and harmonizing data from national sources, estimating regional and global aggregates and making them available for international reporting.

Establishing partnerships with other international agencies to monitor the increased number of indicators, crucial to achieving interrelated goals



Importance of information to achieve SDG2

Improved information and communication for transforming food and agriculture systems

Offering cross-sectorial innovation platforms

Support the adoption of open data, open access and interoperability standards

Development of individual and institutional capacities and capacities at the level of the enabling environment

Information Management

Visibility
Reports

Worldwide

Knowledge Sharing

Partnerships

Grey literature

Linked Data

Accessibility

Research Data

Working Groups

Open Data

Journal articles

Three Areas of Work

Develop capacity on
creating, managing and
exchanging open data and
research data
*IGAD/RDA and GODAN
Action*



Provide access to current
scientific literature and data
AGORA, AGRIS and AGROVOC

Support users and core communities of practice
AIMS, e-Agriculture and DGroups

Providing access to current scientific literature and data in agriculture and related sciences

- To improve food security by increasing the quality and effectiveness of agricultural research, education and training in low-income countries
- To enhance visibility of the scientific data production in agriculture in low-income countries
- To promote data and information exchange among FAO member countries



AGORA, AGRIS and AGROVOC



Partnership

United Nations



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

US Universities



+200 Publishers

Programmes



Lack of access to current scientific literature

No budget for important peer-reviewed journals

Up-to-date research needed for discovering evidence, sharing findings, and informing teaching, practice and public policy





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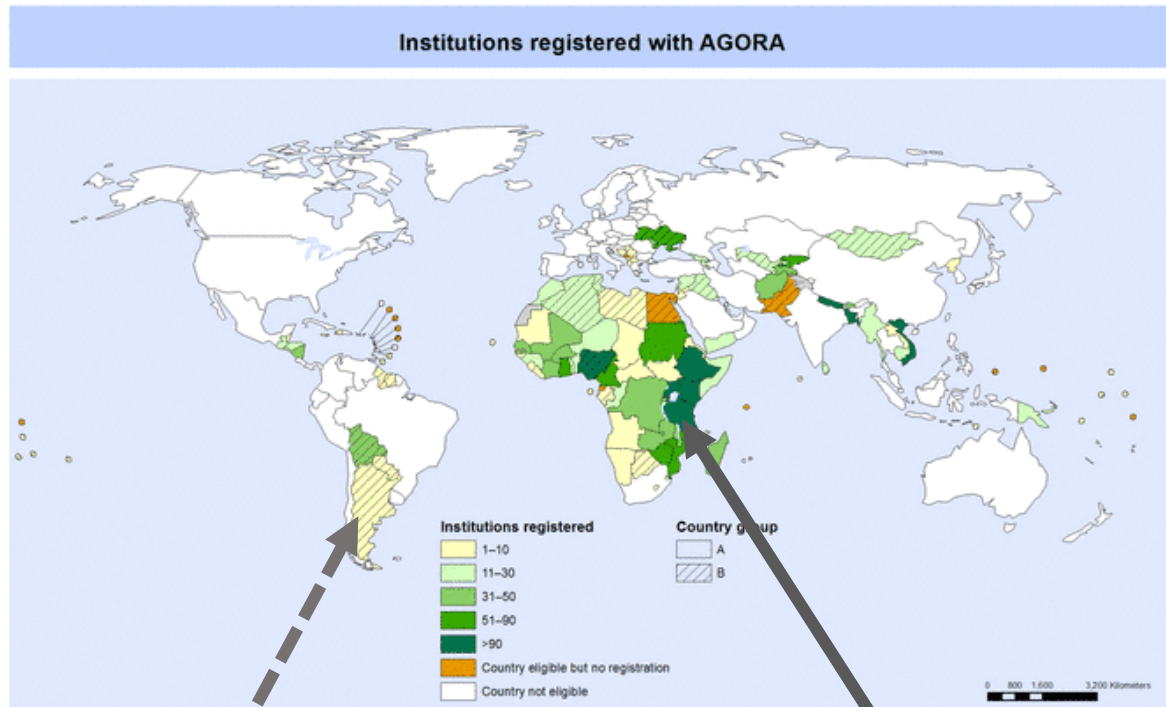
G O R A
Research in Agriculture

Goal

Improve food security by increasing the quality and effectiveness of agricultural research, education and training in low-income countries

Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA)

\$6M worth per institution



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Data Source: World Health Organization
Map Production: Information Evidence and Research (IER)
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Group B: Low cost access
45 countries
500 institutions

Group A: Free Access
75 countries
2,500 institutions

- Deliver the most recent, high quality and relevant scientific literature to reduce the scientific knowledge gap
- Develop capacities of researchers, lecturers, students, policy makers, development practitioners to access and use the scientific literature

Up to 6,500 journals & 22,000 books

More than 3,000 institutions registered with an increase of 1,000 in the last 3 years!

Topics: agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science, and related subjects

Capacity Development activities: F2F, webinars, e-learning courses...

International Information System for the Agricultural Science and Technology

Collection of 8,8M multilingual bibliographic resources (1,3M full text)

Network of more than 350 institutions from 144 countries, maintained by FAO

Capacity Development activities: F2F, webinars, e-learning courses...

Fully indexed by Google Scholar

One of 3-4 similar global bibliographic databases, but the only one that offers these services free of charge

Uses AGROVOC as a backbone

AGRIS

The screenshot displays the AGRIS website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the FAO logo and the text 'Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations'. Below this is a green bar with the AGRIS logo and 'Register Sign in' links. The main content area features a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Looking for Agricultural Science and Technology Information? Papers, data, statistics, and multimedia material, you get it with AGRIS all on one page'. Below the search bar is a 'SEARCH' section with a 'Find resources...' input field. There are four numbered steps: 1. Search on Agris (Enter a keyword related to the topic you are looking for in the Search box), 2. Refine your search (Add filters by clicking on the elements you find inside the advanced search area), 3. Get bibliographic data (To narrow your search down even further, click on "Get Classical view"), and 4. Access a resource (Access bibliographic information and linked web resources). A 'Learn more' button is located below these steps. Below the search section, there is a section titled 'Some of the newest records from the AGRIS database (out of 8.787.443 records):' with three record cards. The first card is 'EVALUATION OF EFFICIENCY OF BIOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS AND MINERAL FERTILIZERS ON THE CULTIVATION OF SPRING WHEAT' by Nikitin S.N. The second card is 'О платежеспособности и финансовой устойчивости российских сельхозпроизводителей в современных условиях' by Лысенко М.В. The third card is 'Страхование рисков как способ минимизации убытков предприятий' by Терехин А.В. At the bottom, there is a footer with 'AGRIS: INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY', 'About', 'Feedback', and a small logo.

AGRIS Statistics

Usage

01-JAN to 31-AUG 2017

Users: 3.8 million
(73% increase)

Page views: 6.9million

01-JAN to 31-DEC 2016

Users: 3.9 million
Page views: 7 million

01-JAN to 31-DEC 2015

Users: 1.8 million
Page views: 3.3 million

Continent	% Sessions
Asia	43.39%
Europe	18.81%
Northern America	13.77%
South America	10.19%
Africa	6.88%
Central America	3.84%
Oceania	2.29%

Submissions

AGRIS Total Records **9,200,000**

Breakdown of content by type

Journal Article 5,458,823

Conference 287,724

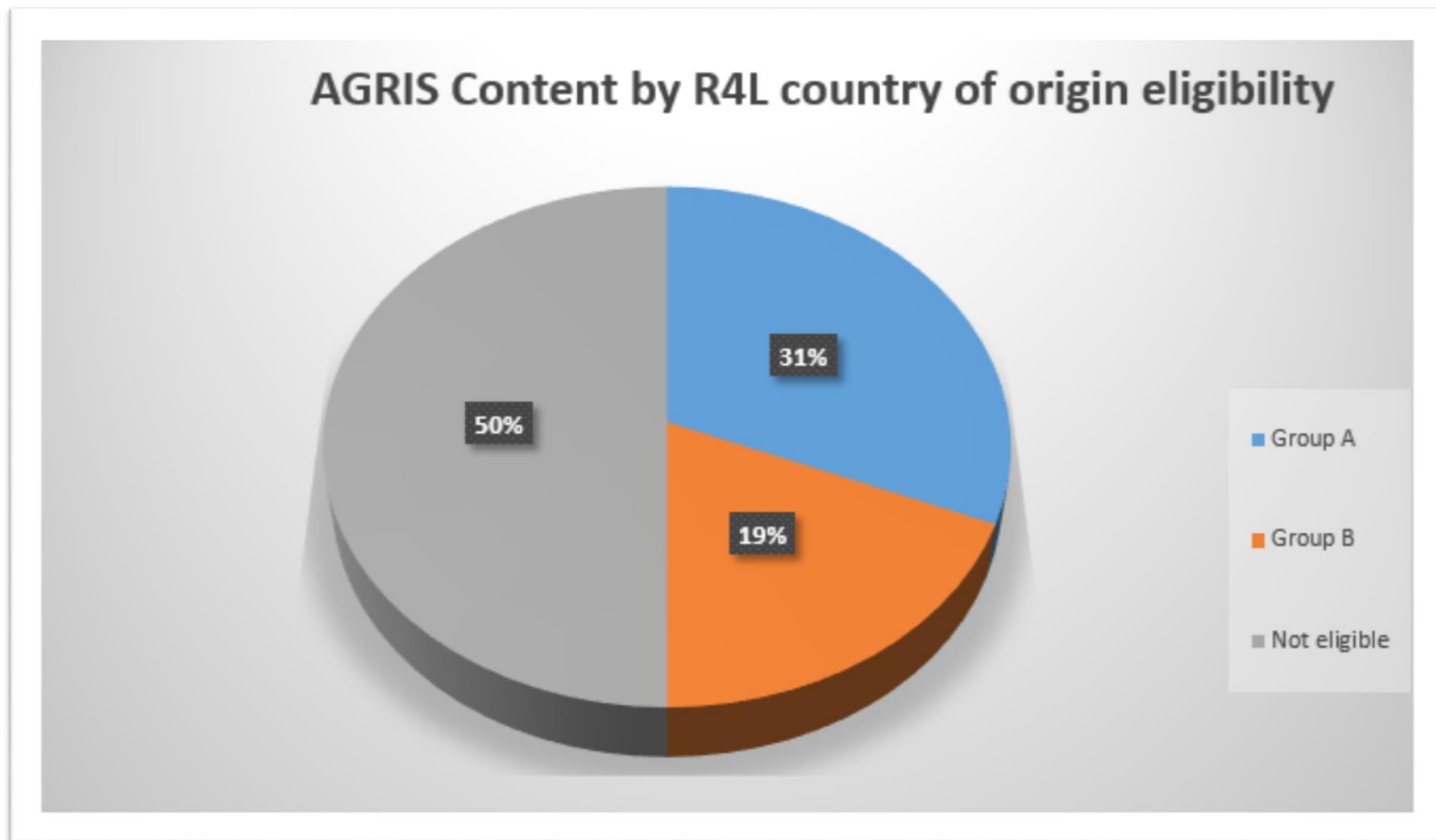
Bibliographies 368,536

Thesis 65,386

Books 34,866

Other 482,596

AGRIS content looked at geographically



AGROVOC, the backbone for information services

Thesaurus covering all areas of interest of FAO including food, nutrition, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment etc.

It is published by FAO and edited by a community of experts

32,000 concepts available in 20 languages

The screenshot shows the AGROVOC website interface. At the top, there is a dark teal header with the text 'AGROVOC' on the left and 'Content language English' with a dropdown arrow on the right. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Alphabetical' and 'Hierarchy'. Under the 'Alphabetical' tab, there is a grid of letters from A to Z and '0-9'. The main content area on the left displays a list of terms starting with 'A', including 'Aaptosyax grypus', 'Aaron's rod → Verbascum', 'ABA', 'Abaca', 'abachi → Triplochiton scleroxylon', 'Abalistes stellaris', 'abalones', 'abamectin', 'abandoned land', 'abattoir byproducts', 'abattoirs', 'Abbottina rivularis', 'abdomen', 'abdominal cavity', 'abdominal fat', 'abdominal pregnancy', 'Abelmoschus', 'Abelmoschus esculentus', 'Abelmoschus moschatus', 'Aberia → Dovyalis', 'Abies', 'Abies alba', 'Abies amabilis', 'Abies balsamea', 'Abies balsamea lasiocarpa → Abies lasiocarpa', 'Abies borisii regis', 'Abies cephalonica', 'Abies concolor', 'Abies firma', 'Abies fraseri', 'Abies grandis', and 'Abies guatemalensis'. On the right side, there is a section titled 'Vocabulary information' with a table of metadata. Below that is a section titled 'Resource counts by type' with a small table, and another section titled 'Term counts by language' with a table showing counts for various languages.

TITLE	AGROVOC
LAST MODIFIED	Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:45:26
TYPE	http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#ConceptScheme
VOID:INDATASET	http://aims.fao.org/aos/agrovoc/void.ttl#Agrovoc
URI	http://voc.landportal.info/landterms

Resource counts by type

Type	Count
Concept	32788

Term counts by language

Language	Preferred terms	Alternate terms	Hidden terms
Arabic	24563	1063	0
Czech	32119	8570	0
German	32091	10128	0
English	32594	9116	0
Spanish	31215	11030	0
Persian	19546	9153	0
French	31143	7711	0
Hindi	19880	7544	0

What is the value of AGROVOC?

Most used thesaurus in agriculture and related sciences in the world

Unique being translated into 20 languages

Most popular to index and tag information resources in low-income countries

Supports the creation and management of Linked Open Data, with links to 15 thesaurus (*e.g. Chinese Agriculture Thesaurus (CAT), NAL Thesaurus...*)

Large community of editors maintaining AGROVOC

Usage

- + Index electronic information resources, e.g. in library catalogues or document repositories
- + Tag content in websites, e.g. integrating AGROVOC as a taxonomy of Typo 3 or Drupal
- + Facilitate search engine discovery
- + Reference for translations
- + Linking datasets and enhancing access to open data
- + Standardization of agricultural information data and services

Users

- + **FAO**
 - + FAO Website
 - + FAO Country Profiles
 - + FAO Corporate Document Repository
 - + FAO Library Catalog
 - + FAOTERM
 - + Among others
- + **Worldwide**
 - + CGSpace Repository
 - + International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
 - + International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)
 - + International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
 - + National Bibliography on Tropical Biology (BINABITROP)
 - + Among others

Developing capacity on creating, managing and exchanging open data and research data

- To increase capacity and awareness of information policies and standards to achieve open access to information and data
- To promote good practices with regard data sharing policies, data management plans, and data interoperability
- To build capacity to more effectively manage, access and use data



**Interest Group in Agricultural Data (IGAD) at the
Research Data Alliance (RDA) and GODAN Action**

Promoting good practices

Research Data Alliance (RDA)

Funded by the *European Commission*, the *United States National Science Foundation* and *National Institute of Standards and Technology*, and the *Australian Government*

With over 5,400 members from 123 countries (April 2017)

Interest Group on Agricultural Data (IGAD)

Formed in 2013, IGAD has grown in community strength to over 150 members, becoming one of the RDA's most prominent Thematic Groups



DPS co-chairs IGAD

Interest Group

Agricultural Data Interest Group (IGAD)

Working Groups

Wheat Data Interoperability Working Group (Completed)

Rice Data Interoperability (endorsed and active)

AgriSemantics (endorsed and active)

On-farm Data Sharing (endorsed and active)

Birds of Feather Groups

Metrics and Indicators in Agricultural Sciences

Capacity development activities

Research data management course in Spanish

Contribution to Open Science workshops in Africa



Institutional capacities



Infrastructures



Open data (wider than research)



Starting



Domain specific

Building people's capacity to engage with open data

Global Open Data in Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) Action

MTF /GLO/694/SDL (\$350K)

In collaboration with Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR)

3 years project funded by UK's Department for International Development (DFID)

Supports GODAN in its mission in creating capacity

Objectives

- To bring together agriculture and nutrition specialists and open data experts
- To contribute to increased farmers' yields, improved nutrition for consumers and better evidence based policy making

GODAN Action

Focused on three focal areas:

- 1) *Standards* - Enhancing data standards and promoting good practices in agriculture and nutrition to improve interoperability
- 2) *Research* - Identifying and improving tools and methods for evaluation of the impact of open data usage in initiatives and investments in agriculture and nutrition
- 3) *Capacity* - Building the capacity and diversity of open data users, leading to more effective use of data

Mooc

The e-learning course **Open Data and Research Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition** is being developed to strengthen the capacity of data producers and data consumers to manage and use open data in agriculture and nutrition

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Promoting and Supporting Communities of Practice

- To serve as a catalyst for institutions and individuals in agriculture and rural development to share knowledge
- To raise awareness on information policies and good practices to achieve open access to information and data
- To strengthen the CoP promoted by FAO



AIMS, e-Agriculture and DGroups

AIMS.FAO.ORG

Supports standards, technology and good practices for open access and open data in the agricultural domain.

Its goal is to empower agricultural information management specialists all over the world in creating access to agricultural knowledge.

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Webinars

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AIMS periodically organizes free webinars for all interested parties on a variety of information/data/knowledge management topics including but not limited to:

- open access - open data - research data management - Knowledge Information (KOS) - data curation - metadata - linking big data - open tools and standards stewardship of information and data in and other domains.

Additionally, as a community member you can explore topics you want to learn (more) about

Time for Webinars

From 11:00 to 16:00 Rome Time, Time in different regions of the world.

Who can attend?

The sessions are open to anyone. Check the details for each webinar. Search for details and recordings of past 'Webinars'.

Filter by title

Total results: 85

- 10 MAY 2017 WEBINAR Webinar@AIMS: Precision Agriculture until 10 May
- 12 APR 2017 WEBINAR Webinar@AIMS: What? For whom? until 12 Apr

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Highlights

Read the May 2017 AIMS Newsletter

This issue provides a quick update on the recent RDA-IGAD (Research Data Alliance - Interest Group on Agricultural Data) event. It also offers some insights into several mission-related initiatives and events - in Information Management

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Online Courses

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(Image credit: FAO - E-learning Centre)

"E-learning can be defined as the use of computer and Internet technologies to deliver a broad array of solutions to enable learning and improve performance" (FAO's guide for designing and developing e-learning courses).

AIMS-FAO Community is working on providing a series of free online courses aligned with a central theme "Access to Scientific Information Resources in Agriculture". AIMS training courses are open to all. Anyhow **priority will be given to anyone from Research4Life eligible countries** (Group A and Group B respectively).

Additionally, since 2015, AIMS has annually delivered Spanish Training Courses under the title: 'Introduction to Research Data Management'. The idea of an online course on data management - aimed specifically at users in Latin America - came about at the [San Diego RDA Meeting \(2015\)](#) to:

- introduce to Spanish speakers involved in agricultural research to new trends on data management;
- train different professionals to outline roadmaps of research data management for researchers, information professionals and the individual research facilities.

e-Agriculture, a Global Community of Practice

Launched in 2007

Platform where people worldwide exchange information and resources related to the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for sustainable agriculture and rural development

To deliver capacity development activities and e-Forums are the core business of e-Agriculture

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the e-Agriculture website. The background screenshot shows the main page of <http://www.e-agriculture.org/>. It features a navigation menu with links for Home, Activity, Themes, Countries, Forum, Community, About, and Log in. A prominent article titled "Call for good and promising practices on the use of ICTs for Agriculture" is highlighted. Below it, a "Welcome to e-Agriculture" section describes the platform as a global community of practice. A red arrow points from the top right of this page to the top right of the foreground screenshot.

The foreground screenshot shows the FAO website at <http://www.fao.org/e-agriculture/>. It features the FAO logo and the "e-agriculture" branding. A navigation menu includes Background, Working groups, Projects, News and events, Resources, and Get involved. A large image of a green field is visible, along with a quote: "vulpurate eget, arcu. In enim justo, rhoncus ut, imperdiet a, venenatis". A red arrow points from the top right of the background screenshot to the top right of this foreground screenshot.

Usage Statistics

aims.fao.org

More than **2,500** registered members from more than **160** countries

More than **3,800** posts and **85** Webinars

Since January 1st, **40,000** users

e-Agriculture

More than **12,700** registered members from more than **170** countries

More than **3,000** news and events and **30** online forums

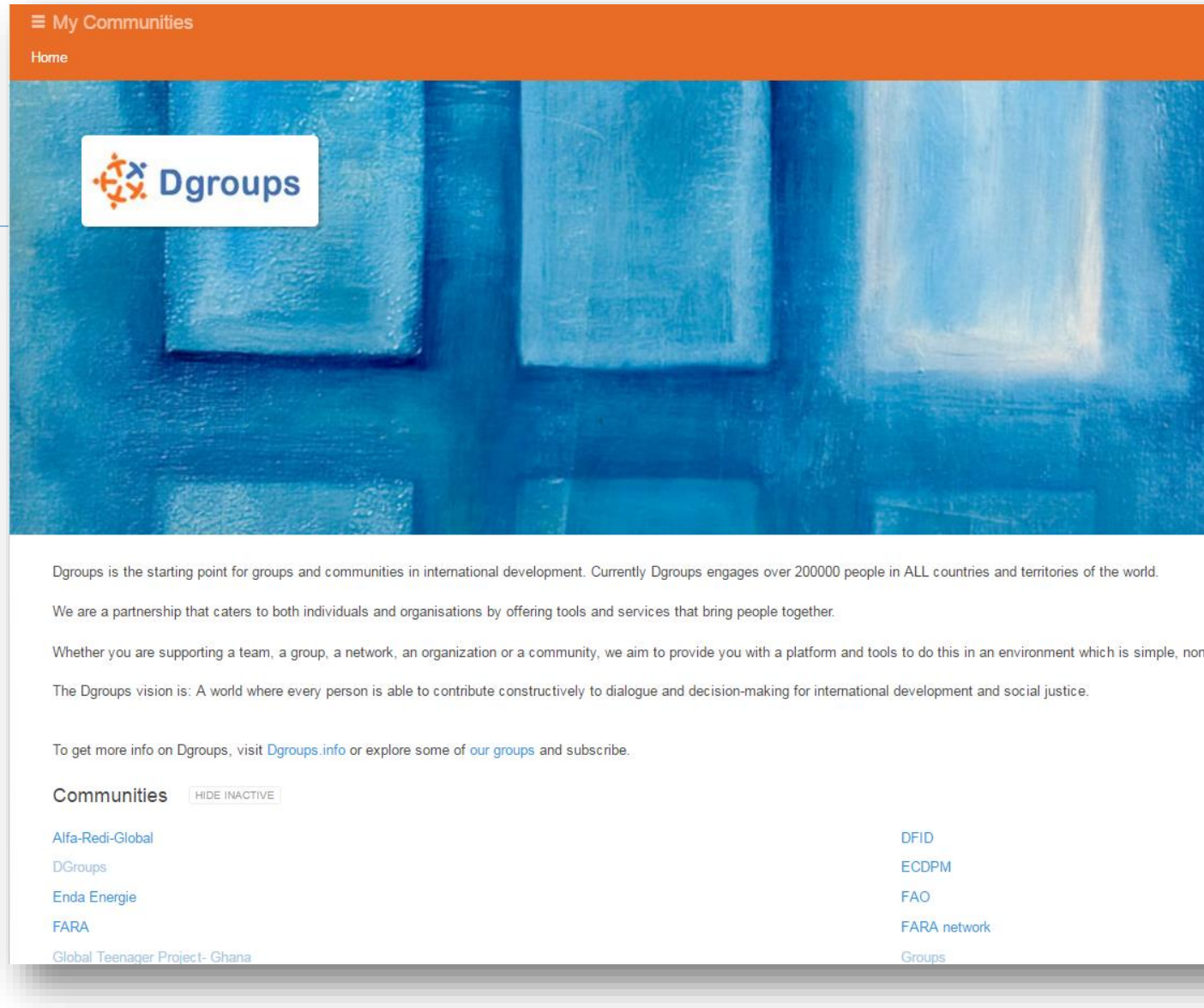
Since January 1st, **65,000** users

DGroups

Online platform for individuals and organisations working in international development

Currently Dgroups engages over 200,000 people in ALL countries and territories of the world

Joint initiative of leading international development organisations such as CTA, DFID, FAO, FARA, HIVOS, IDS and other organisations



The screenshot shows the DGroups website interface. At the top, there is an orange navigation bar with the text "My Communities" and a "Home" link. Below the navigation bar is a large blue banner featuring the DGroups logo, which consists of a stylized orange and blue icon followed by the text "Dgroups". The main content area has a white background and contains the following text:

Dgroups is the starting point for groups and communities in international development. Currently Dgroups engages over 200000 people in ALL countries and territories of the world.

We are a partnership that caters to both individuals and organisations by offering tools and services that bring people together.

Whether you are supporting a team, a group, a network, an organization or a community, we aim to provide you with a platform and tools to do this in an environment which is simple, non

The Dgroups vision is: A world where every person is able to contribute constructively to dialogue and decision-making for international development and social justice.

To get more info on Dgroups, visit [Dgroups.info](#) or explore some of [our groups](#) and subscribe.

Communities HIDE INACTIVE

Alfa-Redi-Global	DFID
DGroups	ECDPM
Enda Energie	FAO
FARA	FARA network
Global Teenager Project- Ghana	Groups

DPS hosts 52 FAO communities with more than 25,000 users

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Any questions?