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1,000 Digital Village Initiative

An initiative to expand digital
innovations in rural villages for
inclusive rural and agrifood
systems transformation

1,000 Digital Village Initiative Knowledge Sharing and Policy Dialogue
***“Enabling inclusive rural and agrifood system transformation through
digitalization”***

A High Level (Virtual) Regional Event

Organized by

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Virtual Event, 27 June 2022
11.00-16.00 hours (Bangkok time)

PROGRAMME

- 1) Expert Roundtable – 11:00 to 13:00 hrs. (Bangkok time)
- 2) Ministerial Level Event (DVI Platform Launch) – 14:00 to 16:00 hrs. (Bangkok time)

EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

(11:00 to 13:00 hrs. Bangkok time)

TIME (min)	Intervention	SPEAKER
Expert roundtable - Session 1: Digitalization initiatives for inclusive rural transformation Session Moderator: Mr. Maximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO		
5	Opening and welcoming remarks	Jong-Jin Kim , ADG/RR, RAP
10	Introductory remarks by session moderator	Maximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO
30	Presentation 1: <i>A digital village ecosystem approach to digitalization for rural transformation: Pilot applications in several Asian countries</i>	Aziz Elbehri , Senior Economist, FAO
	Presentation 2: <i>Digital open data platforms and their role in digitalization in agriculture: Lessons from initiatives in Kenya and elsewhere</i>	Parmesh Shah , Lead Rural Development Expert, World Bank
	Presentation 3: <i>Facilitating inclusive e-Commerce development in China</i>	Jikun Huang , Professor, Peking University and Director, CCAP
	Presentation 4: <i>Leveraging digital finance and digital services using female banking agents to deliver financial services in rural India</i>	Amit Arora, Alreena Pinot , Rural Development Finance, World Bank
10	Q&A	Moderator
5	Summary and closing remarks	Maximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO
Expert roundtable – Session 2: Partnership initiatives for digital ecosystem development for inclusive rural transformation Session Moderator: Ms. Beth Bechdol , Deputy Director-General, FAO		
10	Moderator opening remarks	Beth Bechdol , Deputy Director- General, FAO
	Presentation 1: <i>Supporting the private sector in delivering digital services to farmers and rural communities - Experiences from ADB</i>	Navin K. Twarakavi , Asian Development Bank
	Presentation 2: <i>Multi-partnerships for accelerating digitalization in Small Island States: The case of Vanuatu</i>	John Jack , Chief Communication

		Officer/Office of Prime Minister, Vanuatu
	Presentation 3: <i>Leveraging multi-partnerships to enable digital solutions for agriculture finance: The case of Uganda</i>	Carlo Bravi , Senior Economist, FAO
30	Presentation 4: <i>Private-led initiatives to support digital ecosystems and deliver digital services to farmers and rural communities –Lessons from Africa and India</i>	Sriram Baratam , CEO and founder, Kuza Biashara Entrepise
15	Q & A segment	Moderated
5	Closing remarks for the DVI roundtable	Beth Bechdol , Deputy Director- General, FAO

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT: DVI PLATFORM LAUNCH

(14:00 to 16:00 hrs. Bangkok time)

TIME (min)	Intervention	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
Ministerial Roundtable: Knowledge sharing, innovation and digitalization as catalysts to rural transformation and contributions to SDGs in Asia and the Pacific Facilitated by – Mr. Maximo Torero , Chief Economist		
10	Opening remarks by Dr. QU Dongyu , Director-General of FAO	
45 minutes total (Ministerial interventions, 5 minutes intervention each)	Ministerial Roundtable Theme: From ambition to implementation – initiatives and strategies to scale up digitalization for inclusive rural transformation Short interventions by Minister panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh • Mongolia • Indonesia • Republic of Korea • Tonga Short interventions by partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Telecommunications Union (ITU) • International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) • Asian Development Bank (ADB) 	Moderator: Maximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO
5	Closing remarks	Maximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO
SESSION 2: Introducing the Digital Village Initiative Platform Facilitated by Mr. Jong-Jin Kim , FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific (ADG/RR, RAP)		

5	Opening remarks by ADG/RR, RAP, Jong-Jin Kim - Introduction to the Digital Village Initiative and the regional knowledge-sharing platform	Jong-Jin Kim , ADG/RR, RAP
10	An introduction to the Digital Village Initiative Knowledge-sharing (web) platform	Jong-Jin Kim , ADG/RR, RAP and Aziz Elbehri , Senior Economist, FAO-RAP
40	<p>Examples of country-level digital village pilots and successful digitalization applications</p> <p>From Asia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh - Digital services and solutions for farmers and rural women under pilot (5 minutes) • Indonesia – Digital innovations rural villages: West Java (5 minutes) • Thailand – Smart farming innovations illustrations across Thailand (pilot cases) (5 minutes) • Republic of Korea– Smart farming technologies powering Korea’s agriculture and rural economy (5 minutes) <p>Outside Asia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin America (RLC) - Digital village initiative from Ecuador (innovations in good practices and eco-tourism (5 minutes) • Africa (RAF) - Focus on Senegal digital village initiative interventions supported by FAO (5 minutes) • Near East (RNE) – Digital innovations from Jordan (5 minutes) • Eastern Europe (REU) – digitalization for small holders in villages of Albania (5 minutes) 	FAORs of selected countries
5	Event closing remarks	Jong-Jin Kim , ADG/RR, RAP