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DEVELOPING THE CAPACITIES OF FUTURE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION LEADERS

A successful collaboration with **Libera Università Internazionale
degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (Luiss)**

CONTRIBUTING TO:

FAO's four betters



SDGs



FAO and Luiss share a goal of developing youth capacities for a sustainable future. Their collaboration began in 2018 with the Luiss Master's degree in Food Law, which integrates FAO e-learning courses, materials, and guest lectures from FAO experts. The partnership provides students with knowledge and hands-on experience aligned with FAO's mission, engaging them in FAO fora, the World Food Forum and UN Model programmes; strengthening their skills as future leaders in agrifood systems transformation. Overall, the partnership demonstrates the value of linking education with real-world experience to help prepare young professionals to be able to contribute to agrifood systems transformation.

PARTNERSHIP MILESTONES

2018: Master's degree in Food Law developed in consultation with FAO e-Learning Academy

2022: Memorandum of Understanding

AREAS OF COLLABORATION

- Sharing FAO expertise and FAO e-Learning Academy materials to build institutional and human capacities on trade, food security and nutrition, responsible investment, sustainable value chains and gender equality.
- Collaborating on initiatives and resources to prevent and reduce food loss and waste.
- Promoting experiential learning, such as the UN Model Programme, to equip future food security professionals with practical skills.
- Exchanging expertise and conducting research on statistics and social media impacts related to emergencies, sustainability and trade.
- Engaging Luiss students in FAO fora.



● Countries in which FAO and Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli have worked together (Italy and the United Arab Emirates)

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Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.



KEY RESULTS

Master's degree in Food Law – In 2018, FAO and Luiss collaborated closely to develop this academic programme, which includes FAO e-learning courses such as *Introduction to trade, food security and nutrition*; *Trade policy supportive of food security and nutrition*; *Governance of trade, food security and nutrition*; and *Creating an enabling environment for responsible investment in agriculture and food systems*.

Integration of FAO e-learning courses into Luiss programmes – Luiss has integrated many FAO e-learning courses into its programmes and encourages its students to use FAO's e-learning resources. Courses include: *Sustainable food systems: An introduction*; *Sustainable food systems: Concept and framework*; *Sustainable food systems: Operationalizing the approach*; *Climate Change Negotiations for Agriculture Stakeholders*; *Creating an enabling environment for responsible investment in agriculture and food systems*; and *Building a common vision for sustainable food and agriculture*.

UN Model Programme – Luiss and FAO have jointly organized three UN Model Programmes, helping nearly 150 university students expand their practical experience on key themes of food security. In 2023, the programme discussed *"The Great Climate Migration,"* in 2024 *"The True Cost of Food Security,"* and in 2025 *"South-South and Triangular Cooperation Sharing Experiences and Facilitating Collaborative Innovations."* Combining approximately 25 hours of online lectures and in-person training delivered by

FAO experts and Luiss professors, the Model Programme culminates in an FAO Council simulation, held at FAO headquarters. The 2024 event included participants from the Global South, including Cambodia, Eswatini, Kenya, the Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Knowledge Exchange: Since 2018, Luiss professors and students have participated in and contributed to several FAO events, including the launch of a series of e-learning courses on Agricultural Risk Management, Food Loss and Waste Laws Across the Value Chain seminars, and the Annual Academia Perspectives Roundtable. FAO technical officers have continued to deliver guest lectures for the master's degree in Food Law and at other relevant events, including Luiss-organized seminars, webinars and UN Model Programme events.

»» LOOKING FORWARD

The partnership between FAO and Luiss has continued to grow, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing education and youth leadership development. FAO and Luiss will continue to work closely together to nurture the next generation of leaders by integrating FAO e-learning courses, leveraging Luiss's academic and research expertise, and jointly implementing initiatives of mutual interest. This sustained collaboration reinforces both institutions' dedication to promoting innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth within agrifood systems and beyond. ■

ABOUT THE PARTNER

Luiss, a private university in Rome, Italy, offers programmes in law, finance, business, management, law and political science. Founded in 1966, its research and teaching are deeply connected to policy innovation, sustainability and global governance, areas that align closely with FAO's mandate.

The FAO-Luiss collaborations began in August 2018 and was developed into partnership in 2022 with an aim to:

- Develop future leaders for sustainable agrifood systems.
- Bridge academia and practice through experiential learning and policy simulation.
- Advance knowledge areas related to agriculture and food security including food law, responsible investment and reduction of food loss and waste.

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