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## **FAO and e-Agriculture**

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Geneva 2003

Tunis 2005

## World Summit on the Information Society





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### **C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life: e-agriculture**

Implementation Activities Include:

- E-Agriculture Working Group and Global Knowledge Forum
- Worldwide web-based survey to help direct future steps in the development of E-Agriculture
- e-Agriculture Online Community of Expertise/Knowledge Network
- Email & web-based discussions, face-to-face consultative activities, and documentation of case studies/ best practices



## Global Survey on e-Agriculture

- **Dates:** 1 October – 15 November 2006
- **Goals-** To Analyze and Identify:
  - **Familiarity** with the term “e-Agriculture”
  - Activities included in a **definition** of e- Agriculture
    - **Potential activities** already taking place
    - **Benefits and barriers** of e-Agriculture
    - **Interest** in and **Priority activities** for a virtual international forum.
- Participation from over **3,400 people** in **135 countries** in English, French, Spanish
- Resulted in over **2,100 requests** to participate in the e-Agriculture Community





## Survey Conclusions

- 57% unfamiliar with the term e-Agriculture
- However, almost all respondents understood what was meant by the term, based on responses to other questions
- Goal of enabling Information and Communication processes seen as much more important than use of technology



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## Next Steps: Global e-Agriculture Community of Expertise



- Web-based collaboration space
- Exchange of opinions, experiences, good practices and resources related to e-agriculture
- To ensure that the knowledge created is effectively shared and used worldwide



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**A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON E-AGRICULTURE**  
*People • institutions • technology*  
**21-28 September 2007**  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Rome, Italy

## E-Agriculture Week- 21-28 September

- Meetings and Activities
  - **Practice:** discussion and hands-on activities
  - **Policy:** exploration of effects of policies on e-agriculture
- Official Launch of e-Agriculture Community of Expertise
- Web 2.0 for Development Conference



## **e-Agriculture Week Activities: Web2forDev 2007 Conference**

### **Focus:**

**Uses of Web 2.0 technologies  
for Agriculture and Rural  
Development**

### **Topics:**

- **Shared virtual spaces, remote collaboration and knowledge sharing**
- **Appropriate technologies for online publishing**
- **Online Information retrieval and access**





## Other e-Agriculture Week Activities

- CGIAR: Global Public Goods

*From Information and Knowledge to Food: Shaping  
a Strategy to Improve Access to and Use of  
Agricultural Research Outputs*

- e-Agriculture

*From Dialogue to Action*

- Intergovernmental Technical Consultation

*Agricultural Information and Knowledge  
Management*

## Future Activities

- Face to face events
- In-country interventions
- International framework for
  - sharing lessons learned through national and regional activities
  - sharing results of multilateral processes
  - monitoring conceptual models and methodologies





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## FAO: a Knowledge Organization in the Information Age

### FAO's Knowledge Forum



- **Ask FAO**
- **Best Practices**
- **Thematic Knowledge Networks**

Knowledge Forum

<http://www.fao.org/KnowledgeForum/>



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