**INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD   
FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**NOMINATION FORM**

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| **PLEASE SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY**  **by 28 February 2019** to Innovation-Award@fao.org |  |  | |
| **\*FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PLE**ASE [click here](#Terms) | | |  | |  | To:  Email: | Awards Secretariat  [Innovation-Award@fao.org](mailto:Innovation-Award@fao.org) |
| NOMINATION for the Period 2017-2018: | | |  | |  |  |  |

**Please note**: the text of the detailed nomination should be self-contained and should provide concrete elements and information. **All applicants should read the terms and conditions before completing**.

1. Individual, private company or institution name:

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1. (For question 2, please respond only to the questions that correspond to the category of award you are applying for, category A OR category B. Please note that only innovations that are applicable to more than one level of the supply chain can be nominated for category A. All other questions from 3 – 8 should be answered for both categories).

If this application is relevant to:

**Category A** - Award for Digitalization and innovation for Sustainable Food Systems (USD 40 000)

1. How does the innovation apply to more than one level of supply chain from farmers to consumers?
2. How does the innovation strengthen the link between farmers and consumers?

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***OR***

If this application is relevant to category B (i.e. it does not address more than one level of the supply chain):

**Category B** - Award for innovations that empower youth in agriculture and food systems (USD 20 000)

1. How does the innovation strengthen the role of youth (under 35) in agriculture and food systems?

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1. Executive Summary

*Please provide a summary of your application in no more than 3,500 characters*

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1. Brief background on the nominated individual, private business or national or regional institution (purpose, staffing, funding etc.)

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1. Describe the quality and merit of the innovation:

* Does this innovation represent out-of-the-box or cutting-edge thinking?
* Is the innovation meeting the key quality expectations of the targeted audience?
* Is the innovation proposed fit for purpose?
* Were family farmers/producers directly involved in the development of the innovation

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1. Explain the potential benefit, impact and sustainability of this innovation:

* How does the proposed innovation as an existing or novel concept address the needs of the target family farmers or supply chains involving family farmers?
* How does the innovation contribute to the three dimensions of sustainable development (environment, economic, social)
* Does the innovation have the potential to generate revenue and/or has the potential to share knowledge/practices widely, creating catalytic effects?
* Does the innovation target women or youth?
* How can the proposed innovation be sustained over time by family farmers?
* What is required over time to ensure that family farmers can continue to benefit from the proposed innovation?

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1. How can the innovation be scaled up to target additional family farmers?

* Can the proposed innovation be accessed/used by the targeted family farmers or scaled up to reach additional ones?
* If you won this award, how would the prize money be used to contribute to a scaling-up of the proposed innovation?

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1. **Value for money**

* How does the proposed innovation generate value/economies of scale and impact based on the money initially invested?
* What are the life-cycle costs of the innovation, including the initial purchase price, operating costs, consumables and disposal costs?

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By submitting my Nomination Form, I acknowledge that **I have read, understood, agreed and complied with the terms and conditions**. Furthermore, I certify that the information provided on all parts of this Nomination Form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and can be substantiated. I acknowledge that the Award organiser has the right to take action (administrative or judicial) in case of breach of the conditions outlined. I confirm that I understand that, if selected as a winner, my receipt of the award and prize money is conditional upon my entering into an agreement setting out the terms for the use and disbursement of the prize money.

Please sign and scan the final page and send together with an electronic copy of the nomination form to Innovation-Award@fao.org by 28 February 2019:

**Signed by representative of proposed nomination**: Date:

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| **Name and title**: |

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**Terms and conditions**

**International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food and Agriculture**

Agricultural innovation is the process whereby individuals or organizations bring new or existing products, processes or ways of organization into use for the first time in a specific context in order to increase effectiveness, competitiveness, resilience to shocks or environmental sustainability and thereby contribute to food security and nutrition, economic development or sustainable natural resource management.

The Federal Government of Switzerland is pleased to sponsor an International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food and Agriculture (the Award). FAO has agreed to provide its technical support to the Award for the nomination period 2017-2018.

**THE AWARD**

The call for nominations for the **International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food and Agriculture is open from 21 November 2018 until 28 February 2019**. The award is open to individuals, private companies or institutions and comprises twocategories:

* The first prize, USD 40,000, is awarded for excellence in digitization and innovation for sustainable food systems
* The second prize of USD 20,000 recognises an innovation that empowers youth in agriculture and food systems.

The receipient of the award will also receive a scroll describing his/her acvhievements and/or an award.

1. **Terms of the Award**

As the award is funded by the Government of Switzerland, the award shall be limited to innovations related to agriculture and pastoral systems only, as per the requirements and technical competencies of the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture.

In the spirit of *United Nations Decade of Family Farming[[1]](#footnote-1)* and aligned to the aspirations and goals of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, the candidates should demonstrate the important role of their innovation for the future of sustainable food and agriculture and the improvement of food security and nutrition for all, particularly in the face of increased environmental challenges. The Award specific criteria are as follows :

* **Award for Digitalization and innovation for Sustainable Food Systems (USD 40 000)**:
  + - The innovation must impact more than one level of supply chain from farmers to consumers.
    - The innovation must strengthen the link between farmers and consumers, e.g. through tracking sustainability features of traded food and agriculture products.
* **Award for innovations that empower youth in agriculture and food systems** **(USD 20 000)**:
  + - The innovation must strengthen the role of youth (under 35) in agriculture and food systems.

The Award General criteria are as follows:

* Quality and merit of the innovation
* Potential benefit, impact and sustainability
* Scalability
* Value for money

1. **Eligibility and General rules**

* Both categories of the award consider innovations that have been successfully implemented and validated. The Award is conferred for innovations implemented during the biennium preceding the current one.
* Individuals, private companies and institutions responsible for an innovation that has demonstrated particular efficiency and used novel tools, products or services to enhance and promote sustainable food and agriculture can apply.
* Nomination forms that are incomplete, do not comply with the terms and conditions, or are submitted beyond the deadline, according to the instructions provided, will not be considered.
* No applicants under the age of 18 will be considered for the Award.
* The submission of a Nomination Form is free of charge.
* By submitting a Nomination Form, applicants agree that personal data, especially name and address may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of the Award nominations. The data may also be used to verify the applicants’ identity, postal address and telephone number or to otherwise verify the applicants’ eligibility to submit a Nomination Form.
* If the nomination is made by a private company or institution, the nomination form should be signed and presented by the legal representative and confirmation of his/her authorization to present the nomination should be provided.

1. **Submission of Nominations and Selection Process**

Proposals for nominations should be submitted using the attached Nomination Form by **28 February 2019** to the Secretariat of the Award at the following email address: Innovation-Award@fao.org for endorsement and submission to the Screening Committee.

**International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Screening Committee**

A Screening Committee co-chaired by the FAO Assistant Director-General of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG) and a donor-representative from the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture will be composed of the Secretary of COAG and representatives of non-State actors from the fields of research, academia, young agriculture entrepreneurship, civil society and the private sector. The screening committee will review the list of nominations submitted and establish a shortlist of six nominations for each category. The Co-chairs of the Screening Committee will submit the shortlist to the Selection Committee.

**International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food and Award Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee, co-chaired by the FAO Deputy Director-General, Climate and Natural Resources, and a high-level representative of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture,and comprising also the COAG Chair, will make a final decision on the basis of the short-list submitted by the Screening Committee. The screening and selection of nominations lie entirely within the discretion of the Committees and their decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

1. **Announcement/Conferment of Award**

Winners will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decision by June 2019 using the contact details they provided in their Nomination Form.

The award will be paid in two instalments as winners must demonstrate that the prize will be used to scale-up the chosen innovation. Funding for the second instalment is contingent upon timely submission of acceptable progress report submitted by the winner, outlining how the first instalment has been used to scale-up the awarded innovation. Determination on the progress report will be made in accordance with the agreement entered into by the winner setting out the terms for the use and disbursement of the prize money. Winners may request copies of the terms and conditions that they would have to accept in order to receive the award and prize money.

The two Awards will be presented to the recipients by the FAO Director-General and a high-level representative of the Government of Switzerland during a special ceremony held during the 41st Session of the FAO Conference on 22-29 June 2019.

The prize will also cover the cost of travel and accommodation for the representative of the two selected innovations to attend a special ceremony at FAO headquarters in Rome.

In the event that any of the selected recipients are ineligible in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, cannot be traced or does not respond within ten days to the notification as mentioned above, or refuses the prize, the prize will be forfeited and it will be in the sole discretion of the Federal Government of Switzerland to choose whether to offer the Award to another eligible applicant.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Applicants can only submit a Nomination Form for an innovation for which they are the sole creator(s) and own the intellectual property.

If Applicants have made use of third party material, they must have obtained the permission of the rights holders to use the material as part of their application for the Award and should provide proof of this permission. FAO will not be responsible for any claim or complaint alleging violation of the rights of third parties.

By submitting a nomination, entrants grant an exclusive license to FAO to promote the entries (along with a name credit), for non-commercial purposes, in activities that relate to the Award and the promotion of FAO’s work, in, amongst others on the: FAO corporate website: [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org); corporate videos or digital recordings to illustrate the work of the Organization; printed FAO publications, brochures or posters; social media channels, including promotion of the award itself; and any other media used by FAO to communicate.

By submitting their Nomination Forms, the Applicants warrant that they are entitled to submit the innovation.

**LIABILITY AND DISCLAIMER**

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Nothing in these Terms and Conditions or in any rules related to the Award, nor any acts performed or statements made in relation to the Contest, shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of FAO.

1. The General Assembly of the United Nations declared 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) and invited FAO to facilitate its implementation through a multi-stakeholder International Steering Committee. The International Steering Committee defined family farming as follows: Family Farming (which includes all family-based agricultural activities) is a means of organizing agricultural and pastoral production which is managed and operated by a family and predominantly reliant on family labour, including both women’s and men’s. The family and the farm are linked, co-evolve and combine economic, environmental, social and cultural functions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)