

Discussion Guide on Towards the establishment of an International Digital Council for Food and Agriculture

Question 3: Do you think that the roles identified for the Digital Council are suitable for facing the food systems challenges outlined above?

Proposed information for the concept note

Role 1: Building a Central Knowledge Hub	Aggregation of existing research and resources	The council would enhance collaboration among actors pooling together their works
	Highlights of new technologies	This would direct R&D investments more efficiently and effectively
	A synthesis of the ways that target farmers can progress in implementing various digital technologies	This way, the specific needs of smallholder farmers would be addressed more effectively by the stakeholders involved
	How-to guides for officials or smallholder farmers for business model development and technology implementation	The council would provide hands-on tools to policymakers to help the smallholder farmers in operating in their rural areas
Role 2: Policy And Regulatory Framework For Digitalization	Tools for nations and local governments to assess the maturity of their policies	Countries would gain an effective evaluation framework for their policies
	A set of guidelines that nations might implement	Nations would gain practical suggestions to foster digitalization in agriculture
	A summary of the keys to the broader enabling environment for digital architecture	This information is currently spread in several different analysis whose aggregation would be beneficial
	Methods for closing gaps in these areas	Collaboration could be an effective way to enable digitalization in an inclusive way
	KPIs to monitor progress in each of these areas	Countries could improve the accountability of their reforms

Legend

- Innovator gap:** Lack of R&D to tailor solutions to local contexts
- Integrator gap:** Need for greater multi-stakeholder collaboration, coordination, and learning
- Informer gap:** Insufficient enabling environment for digital agriculture (e.g. policies, infrastructure)

Further guiding questions related to Q2 for your consideration:

- Do you think the table clearly matches the roles of the Digital Council to the three key ecosystem gaps?
- What other political roles should the Digital Council fulfil to address its mandate? How do you envision this role?