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This newsletter provides information on sustainable food value chain development, which may be of interest to you. The newsletter is a core tool for knowledge sharing among members of the Technical Network.

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David Neven
Network Coordinator

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FAO news

New video: “Sustainable agrifood value chains and inclusive agribusiness in the Mediterranean”



At the [high-level forum](#) held by FAO, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Studies (CIHEAM) in September 2016 in Tirana (Albania), a video on “Sustainable agrifood value chains and inclusive agribusiness in the Mediterranean Region” was presented. Watch the video [here](#).

FAO Talks features the SFVC Network

The FAO Talks Technical Network series of the FAO Talks has featured the SFVC Network. David Neven, Network Coordinator, shared experiences from the network and impacts achieved so far. View the video [here](#). If you wish to share your own experience of being a member of the SFVC Network in the FAO Talks series, please contact us: FTN-SFVC@fao.org

Project completion: a broiler value chain in The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

A Technical Cooperation Programme Facility project on developing the value chain for broiler meat in The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has recently been completed with finalization of a feasibility study and proposals for development strategies for the broiler sector, including the design of a pilot project and the required government support packages. The objective of the intervention is to develop a national broiler value chain that can compete with and substitute imports at scale and provide viable market opportunities for small and medium-sized broiler producers. The feasibility study indicates that with improved technologies and vertical and horizontal coordination, the broiler sector has the potential to grow from its present negligible size (supplying less than 1 percent of the country’s total market for broiler meat) to reach production of approximately 10,000 tonnes, or 17 percent of the market, by 2025. Proposals from the study, based on consultation with local stakeholders, have been submitted to the national government for consideration.



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Resources from the SFVC Network’s past webinar by Russian cooperative LavkaLavka

On 27 September, the Network organized a webinar on “*LavkaLavka - How a dynamic farmer cooperative in the Russian Federation conquered the Moscow market*”. The presentation from the webinar is available on the Workspace [here](#) and a recording can be viewed via the Workspace [here](#).
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Forthcoming events by the SFVC Technical Network

The Network’s facilitation team will be organizing the following seminars/webinars in the coming months:

- Employment along value chains (December 2016);
- Including small-scale farmers in profitable value chains (January 2017);
- Gender-sensitive value chains (February 2017);
- Public-private partnerships for agribusiness development (March 2017).

The facilitation team is planning Network activities for 2017, so please let us know which topics and experiences interest you and propose experts or practitioners as speakers. Contact: FTN-SFVC@fao.org

Other news

New ITC-EUI report: *Social and environmental standards - contributing to more sustainable value chains*



This joint report, published by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the European University Institute (EUI), shows that social and environmental standards can be made more accessible to producers through cost sharing, technical assistance and transparency. It also shows that country-specific characteristics affect the presence and adoption of standards. The report concludes with recommendations on how standard-setting organizations and value chain players can foster inclusiveness and sustainable development, and provides guidance for policy-makers on supporting the integration of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and small farmers into sustainable value chains. Download the report [here](#).

New DCED report: *How to create an enabling environment for inclusive business*

Published by the Donor Committee on Enterprise Development (DCED), this paper - subtitled *Learning from experience and debates in private sector development* - focuses on the reform of business environments by posing the questions: How can agencies help create an enabling environment for inclusive business in partner countries? And how, if at all, do these actions differ from regulatory and policy reform to facilitate private investment in general? To answer these questions, the report summarizes a rich set of emerging evidence and experiences in private-sector development, which are arranged into debating points for further exploration. Reform and policy options that benefit inclusive business, and the implications for further research are summarized as an annex. Download the report [here](#).

FAO hosts a meeting of the United Nations Value Chain Development Group

The United Nations Value Chain Development Group (UNVCD) was formed ten years ago to explore synergies among the value chain portfolios of United Nations agencies, to facilitate joint learning on good practices in value chain development and to harmonize development interventions where feasible and possible. The UNVCD Group is a community of value chain experts and practitioners representing UN agencies such as the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and FAO. This year, FAO hosted the UNVCD expert group meeting, which focused on the various forms of inclusiveness in value chain development. The dual objectives of the meeting were to: i) share information on how each of the participating organizations has been working on inclusive value chain development; and ii) explore options for collaboration among the organizations to develop ideas for publications or tools. Through “market fair” formats, the participants exchanged experiences on the challenges they face in ensuring inclusiveness in their work on value chains from the local to the global level. A “world cafe” setup allowed participants to brainstorm on collaborative tools, publications and projects to facilitate the emergence of a common understanding of how to approach inclusiveness in value chains. The meeting report will be available at a later date. **Contact:** David.Neven@fao.org (ESA) or Benjamin.Doin@fao.org (ESN)



Feedback from the Origin, Diversity and Territories Forum

The Origin, Diversity and Territories Forum on the theme of “Innovation in Territories and Resilience in Food Systems”, was held in Turin, Italy from 20 to 22 September 2016. The main objective was to provide a platform for the exchange of experiences and knowledge among a wide range of international stakeholders engaged in new ways of thinking about and carrying out development, where identity, origin, quality and local diversity are catalysts for inclusive, dynamic, local and regional development. The main outcomes of the Forum converged towards the idea that the origin of products is a complex and multidimensional concept that is linked not only to firms but also to territories and local communities. This means the products have impacts on the economic sphere but also on public goods such as social, environmental and cultural values. Presentations from the Forum can be accessed [here](#). **Contact:** Catherine.Teyssier@fao.org (ESN)



Upcoming events

Learning route on value chains, November/December 2016, Senegal (in French)

Titled “Innovative Mechanisms and Tools to Promote Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains: Experiences from Senegal”, this learning route will be organized by the Corporation for Regional Development Training (PROCASUR) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) from 23 November to 2 December 2016 in Senegal. It will include visits to local champions, local communities and private-sector representatives in different regions of Senegal associated with three projects:



1. The Agricultural Value Chain Support Project (*Projet d'appui aux filières agricoles*), IFAD and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment Projects, in Kaolack and Kaffrine;
2. The Naatal Mbay Project, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in Saint-Louis region;
3. The Valuation of Local Cereals for Manufacturing Bakery Products Project (*Projet de valorisation des céréales locales par la fabrication des produits de panification*), Senegalese Association for the Promotion of Development at the Ground Level, in Dakar region.

Apply by 1 November 2016. Download the call for applications for more information and application forms [here](#).

Sustainable Foods Summit, January 2017, San Francisco, USA



The North American Sustainable Foods Summit will take place from 18 to 20 January 2017 in San Francisco, California, USA. The aim of the summit is to explore new horizons for eco-labels and sustainability in the food industry by discussing major industry issues. How do organic, fair trade and other eco-labelling schemes advance sustainability?

With the growing proliferation of labels, what are the prospects for a single sustainability standard for food products? What are the practical applications of sustainability metrics? What advances are occurring in sustainable ingredients? What developments are happening in the formulation, production and marketing of sustainable foods and beverages? Such questions are regularly addressed at this series of international summits. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

ValueLinks Introductory Training Workshop, May/June 2017, Feldafing, Germany

A five-day ValueLinks Introductory Training Workshop will be organized by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and its partners and held in English from 29 May to 2 June 2017, in Feldafing, Germany. The seminar is open for registration and a participation fee is applied. For more information visit the [website](#).

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