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Family Farming Knowledge Platform

http://www.fao.org/

Farming he Family Knowledge Platform (FFKP) was launched in June 2015 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The FFKP gathers digitised quality information on family farming from all over the world, including national laws and regulations, public policies, best practices, relevant data and statistics, researches, articles and publications. It provides a single access point for international, regional and national information related to family farming issues and small-scale fisheries, integrating and systematising existing information to better inform and provide knowledgebased assistance to policy-makers, family farmers' organisations, and development experts, as well as to stakeholders in the field and at the grassroots level. More than 17,000 relevant content types are available on the platform and over 100 countries are actively participating.

Intended for a wide range of users, the platform is interactive, welcoming contributions from interested parties such as research organisations, universities, non-governmental organisations, development agencies and farmers' organisations willing to participate in the project by sending factual, notable, verifiable (with cited sources) and neutrally presented content.

Using the platform as a worldwide knowledge reference on family farming can assist policy-makers and other stakeholders by facilitating policy discussion, policy design and decision making on family farming.

The platform is hosted at http://www. fao.org/family-farming/themes/smallscale-fisheries/en ₩