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FAO elearning Academy and UNIMED

Transforming knowledge into global
human capacity and real-life impact!

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+ 1000
partners
worldwide

+ 1000
Multilingual
certified
courses

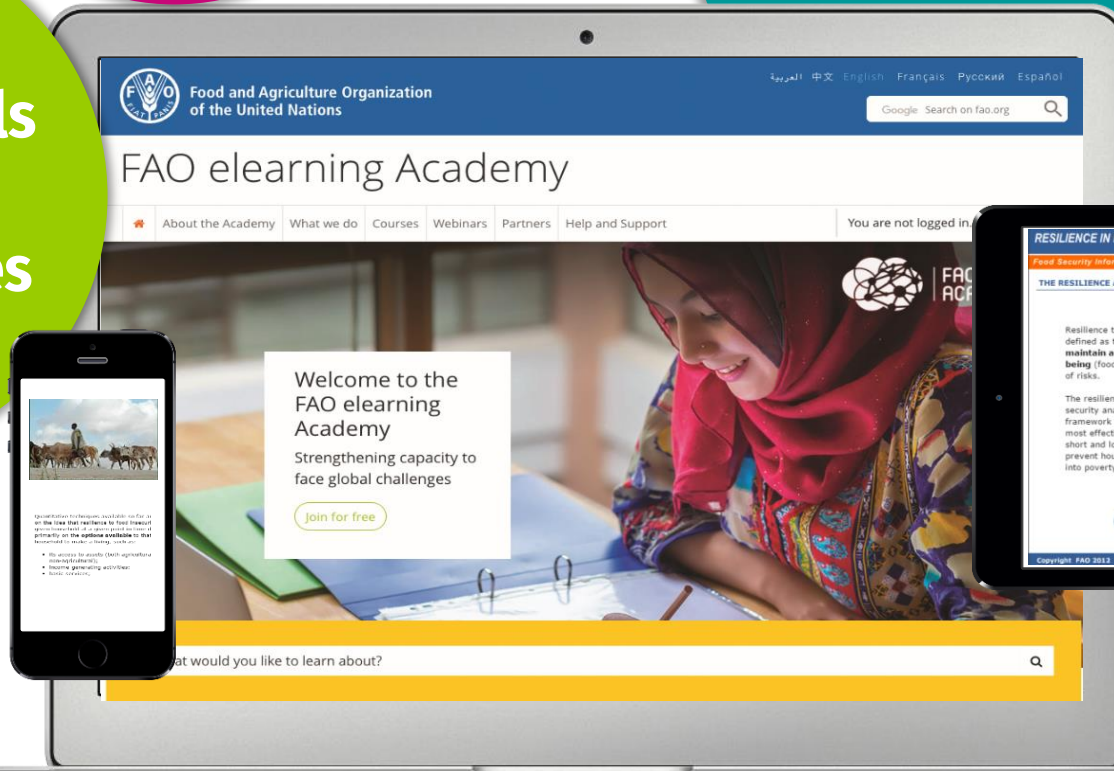
Global
Public
Good

± 2 million
learners
throughout the
world

Everyone
Anytime
Everywhere

Transfer skills
and
competencies

SDGs



Free of
charge



Democratizing education through inclusion and equal rights



Universal education

Free of charge, always accessible, offered as a global public good

Digital & Social inclusion

Promoting gender & social equality

Climate and environment-friendly

Reduced carbon footprint

Bridging the gap between formal and informal education

**Inter-Multi-Trans disciplinary
competencies**

Sustainability

Transformation

**In a knowledge economy, education is the new
currency, the asset through which nations
maintain economic competitiveness,
autonomy and prosperity**



Uptake, impact and scaling up capacity development for sustainability

UN and Development Agencies

AFAAS • UNICEF • UNITAR • UNHCR • WFP •
EU COMESA • CILSS • BMZ • IICA • IICA • UNU
• ITC-ILO
UN-OCHA • IAEA • UNDP • NEPAD
ECOWAS • PRIMA • CIHEAM • IFRC

Supporting staff development

Universities & Academic Institutions

ICBA • UNIMED • CRUI • LUISS University
IGNOU • La Sapienza • AVU • COL •
RUFORUM • Open University of Catalonia •
UDUAL • University of Pretoria • Anhalt
University

Enhancing University Curricula

Private Sector

RaboBank • Coldiretti • Telefonica • Orange •
Coca Cola • Danone • Unilever • IKEA • Eataly
• Google • Rockefeller • ENI • Mars
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation •

Compliance

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courses

NGOs and CSOs

Future Food Institute
• GRET • APC • Action Aid • World Vision Int.
Welthungerhilfe • INIT

Enriching capacity development activities

The **FAO elearning Academy** offers a wide variety of free, multilingual and certified courses organized into **25 thematic areas**.



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 <p>Agricultural risk management and resilience</p>	 <p>Carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions</p>	 <p>Child labour and youth employment</p>	 <p>Climate change and environment</p>	 <p>Communication and capacity development</p>	 <p>Decent rural employment</p>	
 <p>Farmer field schools</p>	 <p>Fisheries and aquaculture</p>	 <p>Food security, nutrition and health</p>	 <p>Food losses and waste</p>	 <p>Food safety</p>	 <p>Forests and landscape restoration</p>	
 <p>Gender and social protection</p>	 <p>Livestock, animal health and production</p>	 <p>Mechanization</p>	 <p>Migration</p>	 <p>Plant health and protection</p>	 <p>Plant production, pre-breeding and crop improvement</p>	
 <p>Responsible governance of tenure</p>	 <p>Responsible investments in agriculture</p>	 <p>Rural poverty reduction</p>	 <p>Soils and water management</p>	 <p>Sustainable Development Goal indicators</p>	 <p>Sustainable food systems</p>	 <p>Trade and markets</p>

Diversified Delivery Methods and Pedagogical Models



Certified
Online
Tutored
Courses



Online Technical
Webinars



Mobile
Learning



University
Learning
Programmes



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Certified Blended
Learning
Programmes



Face
to Face



Self-paced
Courses



MOOCs



**International
Technical webinars
FAO elearning
Academy**

Series of international technical webinars

Open, free and accessible by everyone, anytime, everywhere...

- provide a comprehensive view of **current trends in thematic areas related to global challenges**, by combining development, research and innovation perspectives.
- give practitioners the **opportunity to interact with international experts**, United Nations officers, University professors, researchers and fellow participants, throughout the world.

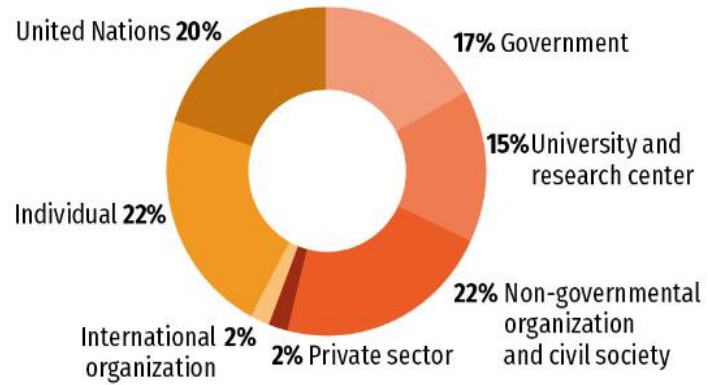
+ 50,000 participants from 2020 to 2026

+ 50 partners institutions contributing: expertise & support to the promotion

https://newsletters.fao.org/k/Fao/fao_elearning_academy_newsletter



TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

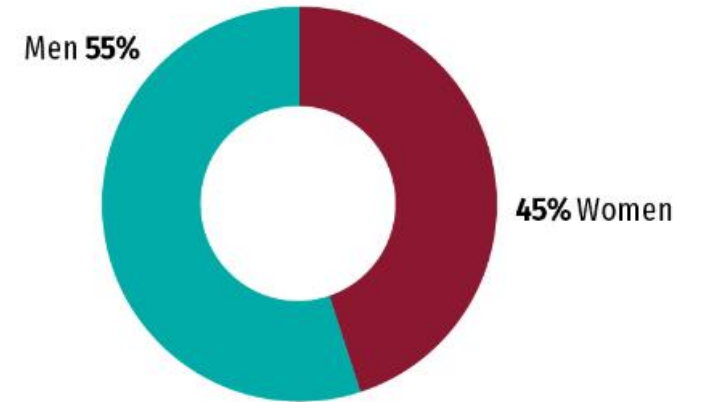


WEBINAR RECORDING

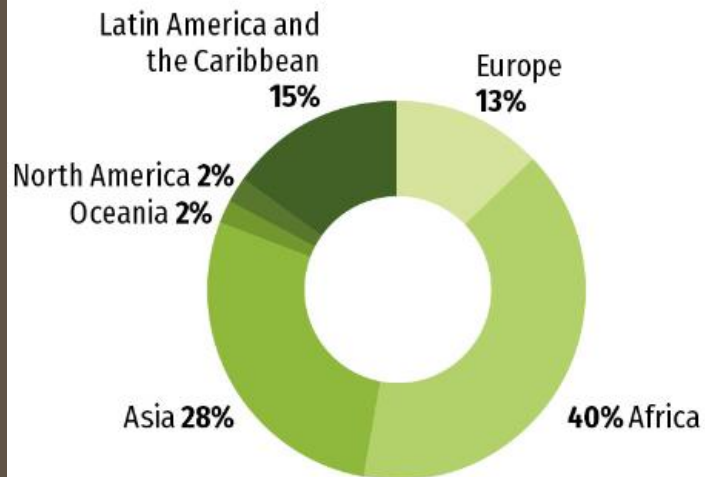
Resources

- PowerPoint Presentation - Patrizia Fracassi - Webinar 28.04.2020.pdf
- PowerPoint Presentation - Sylvie Avallone - Webinar 28.04.2020.pdf
- QA - Webinar 28.04.2020.pdf
- Webinar Announcement - 28.04.2020.pdf

GENDER DISTRIBUTION



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



Why are digital badges important?

- Drivers of educational reform
- Equitable, inclusive and transparent access to education
- Motivating life-long learning
- Greater employment opportunities
- Progress talent within organizations



What are digital badges?

Visible and transparent

- Allow an alternative way to get visible validation for skills acquisition and achievements
- Showcase a personalised life-long learning journey

Stackable micro-credentials

- Granular collection of acquired skills, competencies and knowledge
- Both formal and informal learning activities

What are digital badges

Shareable / portable

- Badges can be collected from multiple sources, on and off-line, into a badge wallet
- Display skills and achievements on social networking profiles, job sites, e-portfolio, websites, etc

Verifiable and transparent

- Verifiable against inherent metadata links back to the issuer, criteria and verifying evidence
- Can be verified for both authenticity and for the learning activity that they represent

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A DIGITAL BADGE?



It shows the world the knowledge and skills you demonstrated to achieve your certificate from a respected, credible source.



It helps you publicize your accomplishments on social media, on your website and in your email signature.



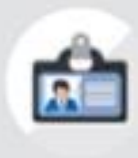
It demonstrates that your knowledge is up to date.



WHO WILL NOTICE?



Clients



Employers



Prospective clients



Colleagues

WHERE CAN I USE A DIGITAL BADGE?



Twitter



Facebook



LinkedIn



Website



Email Signature

OPEN BADGES

Data & Information **Inside**

Alignment	Expiration Date
Badge Criteria	Issued Date
Badge Description	Issuer
Badge Name	JSON-LD
Digital Signature	Recipient
Evidence	Verification



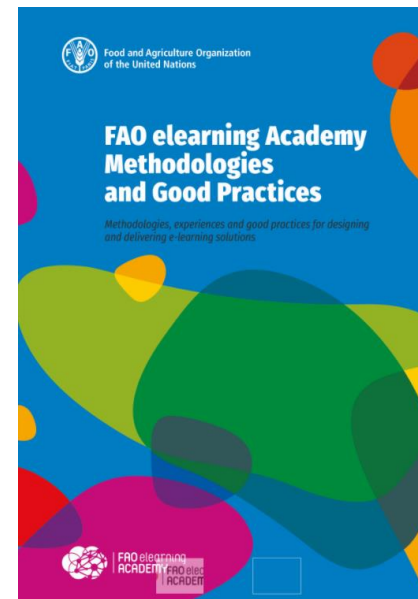
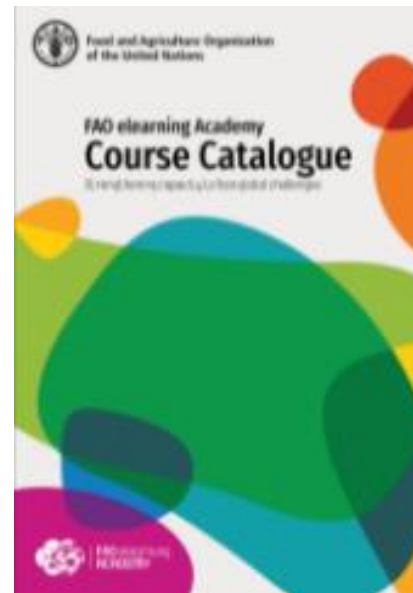
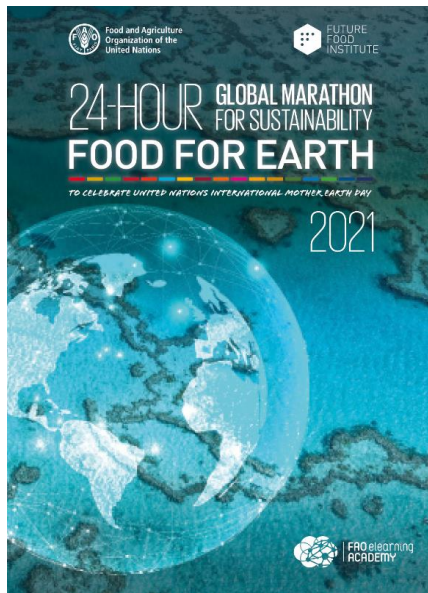
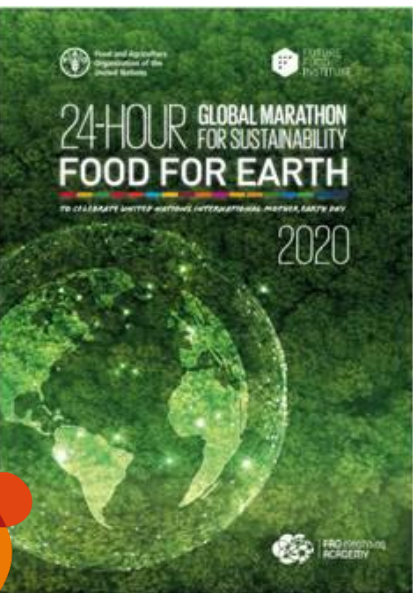
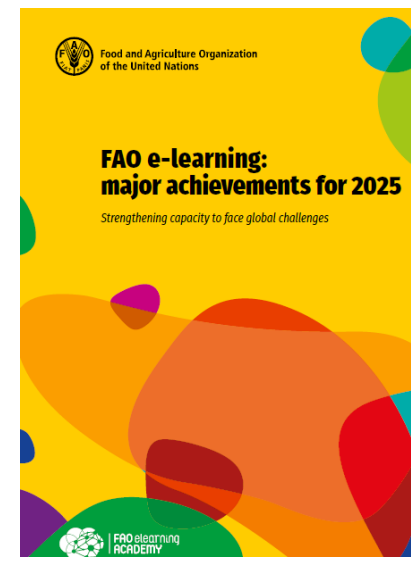
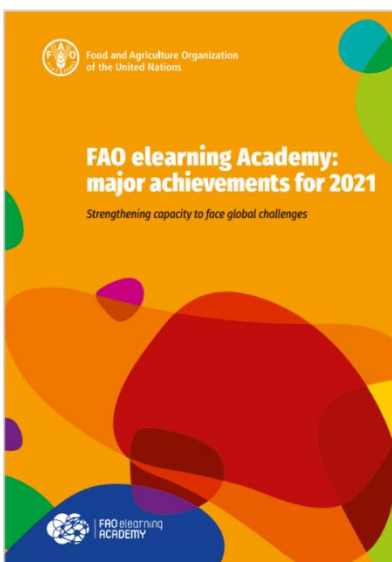
FAO digital badges are issued on passing (75%) a final scenario or competency-based test

FAO elearning Academy Digital Badges



Badges SDG Indicators





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