

Why develop capacities on risk management in agriculture?



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BACKGROUND

This international technical webinar is part of the series organized by the **FAO elearning Academy**, **Agreenium** (French training and research alliance for agriculture, food, environment and global health), **UN-ESCAP** (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), and **Future Food Institute**. This webinar is also part of the series *Bridging the knowledge gap on the holistic risk management approach in developing countries*, organized together with **Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM)** and the **Forum for Agricultural Risk Management in Development (FARM-D)** - which are hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

These webinars are an opportunity for all of us to share experiences and lessons learnt, discuss challenges, and propose innovative solutions and models. They aim to provide a holistic and comprehensive view of current trends in thematic areas related to global challenges, by combining development research and innovation perspectives.

The main objective of these technical webinars is to give practitioners the opportunity to interact with international experts, United Nations officers, University professors, researchers and fellow participants,

throughout the world. Webinars can be attended as interactive online sessions on Zoom, where sharing perspectives and asking questions to experts is encouraged. These sessions are also recorded and therefore available at any time, through the FAO elearning Academy: elearning.fao.org.

This webinar will host a panel discussion on the importance to develop and strengthen capacities to understand the risk environment in agriculture, through practical examples and highlighting challenges. The event will also spotlight the leading approach to manage risks in a given context, which encompasses a holistic methodology, that has grounded the series of four elearning courses on **agricultural risk management (ARM)** developed by PARM and the FAO elearning Academy, in partnership with IFAD and NEPAD. This first webinar will cover the first two elearning courses, which focus respectively on understanding and assessing risks in agriculture.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Raise awareness on the importance of ARM;
- Demonstrate the benefits of adopting a holistic and integrated risk management approach and strategy;
- Share experiences on capacity development activities for managing agricultural risks.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Cristina Petracchi** (Leader of the FAO elearning Academy), **Mr Kisan Gunjal** (FAO), **Ms Mariam Sow Soumaré**, **Mr Richard Miiro** (Makerere University, Uganda), **Mr Massimo Giovanola** (PARM/IFAD), and moderated by **Mr Gideon Onumah** (NRI).



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he covered include - food security implications of Ebola, the impact of El Niño, development of four e-learning courses on Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) for FAO/IFAD, and support in the preparation of ECA Regional SOFI 2020. He is currently working with FAO-RAF on impact of COVID-19 on Africa, and Risk Mapping in Africa for ARM. He also worked as a Consultant with the World Bank on Ethiopia and Mongolia. Kisan leads the NGO iREAMDev-Canada and India and is considered a leading authority on global food security. He taught at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, for 20 years and served as Food Security Economist for FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System for 12 years.

language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters' and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development initiatives. In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience of capacity development activities in several countries.

has been for over 20 years, having also actively collaborated with PARM through research and capacity development activities. His main practice area includes agricultural marketing, rural/agricultural/SME finance and risk management in agricultural value chains. He is a leading global authority in researching, piloting and promoting uptake of structured agricultural marketing and financing systems in developing countries. Gideon has undertaken research/development advisory services for governments, donor agencies, NGOs and the private sector in Africa, Asia and Europe. He has been actively engaged in projects that foster upscaling of technologies to boost productivity and/or reduce waste and losses in agricultural value chains across Africa.



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building, sustainable agriculture and food system policies, natural resource management and early warning systems. From 2011 to 2020 she worked as Senior Programme Manager at the African Union Development Agency - NEPAD. Prior to AUDA-NEPAD, Mariam was FAO Chief Technical Advisor in Chad for establishing a Food Security and Early Warning Information System, and before then, Food Security Regional Coordinator at the Sahel Institute (Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel- Bamako). Mariam conducted consultancy work for organizations such as FAO, WFP, and UNIFEM. She started her career as teaching and research assistant in Economics at the University of Dakar, Senegal.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He is responsible for managing the PARM process in eight African countries. He works to define the appropriate strategies with the host governments and then guides the organization and implementation of technical studies on subjects such as country profiling, risk management and feasibility. He also develops and maintains partnerships with national and international stakeholders and partner organizations.

HOW TO ATTEND

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