

How can policy monitoring support better decision making in agrifood systems?



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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Find out why monitoring price and government spending policies are key for agricultural transformation and food security;
- Explore data needs, challenges and benefits of policy monitoring tools; and
- Hear about a real-world example of how the MAFAP method was used to inform government policy in a partner country through e-learning courses.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Mr Christian Derlagen** (FAO), **Ms Valentina Pernechele** (FAO), **Mr Francisco Pereira Fontes** (FAO), with the participation of government officials who have benefitted from the e-learning series, and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy.



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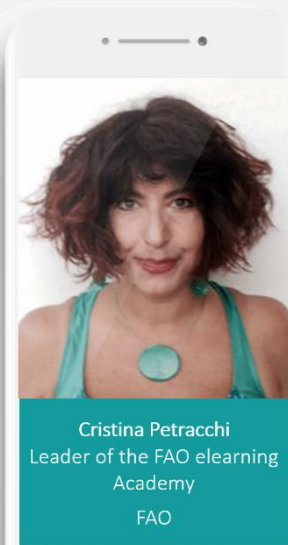
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Cristina Petracchi heads the FAO elearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member 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 in capacity development activities in several countries.

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