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Global contest for the world's best agroecology laws and policies

On April 5, the [Food and Agriculture Organization](#) (FAO), the [World Future Council](#) (WFC) and [IFOAM – Organics International](#) kicked off a global contest for the world's best agroecology laws and policies.

[The Future Policy Awards](#) celebrate policies that create better living conditions for current and future generations. Each year, the awards identify one topic on which policy progress is particularly urgent to raise global awareness for exemplary policies and speed up policy action. This year, the theme is agroecology.

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Access Agriculture video platforms

Well-made farmer-to-farmer training videos allow farmers to learn from their fellow farmers across borders and encourage them to adapt technical and social ideas to their own context.

To promote South-South learning between farmers through video, Access Agriculture was founded in 2012 as an international NGO with offices in Kenya, Benin and Bangladesh. The bulk of the currently 175 videos hosted on its platform support organic agriculture and local food processing.

Through the open access farmers' knowledge portal www.accessagriculture.org Access Agriculture share quality farmer training videos in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and more than 75 local languages. In less than five years, videos hosted on the portal have been used by thousands of organisations across the South.

Instead of organisations reproducing the same videos in each and every country, offers to translate any video hosted on its portal in any language, at a modest cost. You can contact Access Agriculture at info@accessagriculture.org

With the growing number of mobile phones on which videos can be watched (not just smart phones), all videos are now downloadable for mobile phones, so farmers can easily share videos between themselves via Bluetooth. Organisations can also request tailor-made DVD compilations for widespread distribution. Solar-powered smart projectors allow organisations to screen the entire video library off the grid off the internet to large audiences (see: [Video distribution](#) . Find out more about the many ways to get videos in farmers' hands at [Local use](#).

The second platform of Access Agriculture is Agtube (www.agtube.org) which offers a social media alternative to Youtube. On Agtube, anyone can upload their own videos as long as they relate to agriculture in developing countries and not promote GMOs or agrochemicals. Guidelines for uploading videos are provided on the platform.



AccessAgriculture
www.accessagriculture.org



Explainer videos on sustainable development topics

UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development has published several videos on sustainable development topics;

[Understanding the dimensions of sustainable development](#), available in English, French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, German, and Arabic.

- [Migratory species conservation](#)
- [Human security](#)
- [Women's access to justice](#)
- [Climate action](#)
- [The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences](#)



The Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development

The conference was organized by the UN SDG Action Campaign and took place in Bonn, Germany from 21st to 23rd of March 2018. More than 1000 people attended.

You will find a lot of information about the conference at <http://globalfestivalofaction.org>



The international civil society conference on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agriculture and fisheries in Cameroon, September 11–

The main objectives for the conference are:

- To show that agroecology and other forms of sustainable agriculture and fisheries are key to reach many of the SDGs.
- To strengthen the arguments and increase the pressure on governments and international institutions to increase the financial and political support for agroecology and other forms of sustainable agriculture and for small-scale sustainable fisheries.
- To share experiences and strengthen the cooperation among and between farmers' and fisherfolks' organizations, other non governmental organizations (NGOs) philanthropic foundations and others which support the objectives of the conference.

See more information at www.moreandbetter.org

