



Implications of Digitalisation in Agriculture

A public event discussing the implications of digitalisation in agriculture for farmers, food systems, and policies with leading researchers.

Wednesday, 04 September 2019 | 17:15
ETH Zurich, ML E 12 (Sonneggstrasse 3)

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Agriculture is coming under increased public scrutiny for its impacts on the environment, animal welfare, livelihoods, and social well-being. Digitalisation is one of the responses currently promoted to better meet these challenges, with its possibilities of making production more sustainable and providing safer and healthier food in a more secure and transparent manner. However, digitalisation is cross-cutting society, bringing change not only on the farm, but also necessitating transformations in agribusiness and government policy.

This public event, organised by the Agricultural Economics and Policy Group and the World Food System Center of ETH Zurich, will provide insights into current research efforts on digital agriculture innovations and discuss policy, economic, and social implications of the use of digital technology in the agri-food sector.

Programme

17:15 Welcome

Prof. Dr. Robert Finger, AECG Group, ETH Zurich

17:20 Digital Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems

Dr. Sjaak Wolfert and Dr. Krijn Poppe, Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands. This presentation will show that digital solutions help addressing multiple sustainability issues, particularly illuminating how producers and consumers can use digitalisation to support a transition towards healthier diets.

17:50 Responsible Research and Innovation in Digital Agriculture

Dr. Áine Regan, Teagasc (Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Ireland. This talk will illustrate how we can practically achieve the transition to increased digitalisation in agriculture in a responsible manner within research, policy, and innovation using approaches such as user-centred design and multi-actor engagement.

18:20 Public discussion

Moderated by Dr. Melf-Hinrich Ehlers, AECG Group, ETH Zurich

18:45 Apéro in LFW Lichthof, Universitätstrasse 2

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