FAO’S RESOURCES ON FOOD LOSS AND WASTE REDUCTION

FAO’s support to the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is particularly important. FAO is the United Nations specialized agency leading international efforts to defeat hunger and food insecurity and is mandated to raise levels of nutrition and reduce food loss and food waste, taking into account sustainable production and consumption practices. FAO is working in partnership with national governments, the private sector, civil society, and academia to promote awareness about food loss and waste and its impacts to stimulate commitment and action to address the issues and to bring about behaviour change.

FAO is committed to working together to promote ambitious collective action to reduce food loss and waste in support of achieving the 2030 Agenda. This will lead to the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable, agrifood systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.

Key technical resources to support actions to reduce food loss and waste:

- The Technical Platform on the Measurement and Reduction of Food loss and Waste is a dynamic platform that serves as a gateway to FAO’s work in collaboration with a range of partners, to address food loss and waste prevention, reduction, measurement and policy.

- FAO’s Data Lab for statistical innovation builds and maintains databases to provide timely, real-time information obtained from non-conventional sources to facilitate data analysis and evidence-based policymaking.

- The Food Loss and Waste Database is the largest online collection of data on both food loss and waste and causes reported in scientific journals, academic publications, grey literature and countries among others.

- The Food Loss Index and data collection methodology developed by FAO, to measure and monitor progress on SDG 12.3 at the national level.

- An on-line Course: Food loss analysis case study methodology (fao.org). An Educational package: Do Good: Save Food! on reducing food waste, developed by FAO in collaboration with the International Food Waste Coalition, for children aged 5 to 14.


- Voluntary Code of Conduct for Food Loss and Waste Reduction. The Code of Conduct (CoC) presents the actions and measures countries partners and stakeholders should establish to contribute to food loss and waste reduction.

- Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG Indicators. Rome, 2023.


- Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold: a global roadmap. Rome, 2024. How the transformation of agrifood systems through accelerated climate actions will help achieve food security and nutrition, today and tomorrow, In brief.