How the FAO Library translates the SDGs into tangible knowledge

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the UN in 2015, consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each SDG is an urgent call to action to end global poverty and deprivation – while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. FAO is the UN custodian agency for 21 indicators, across SDGs 2, 5, 6, 12, 14 & 15 and is a contributing agency for a further four.

E-BULLETINS: PROVIDING TANGIBLE LITERATURE ON SPECIFIC SDGs

As part of its communication strategy, in 2018 the FAO Library started issuing a monthly SDG-centered e-bulletin dedicated to special FAO/UN events and World Day celebrations. Each month the bulletin focuses on one or more SDGs presenting the library resources that address three distinct areas: access to content, data analysis, and historic insight.

OUTCOMES

- Broadening the dissemination of the Organization’s knowledge.
- Providing direct access to the most up-to-date and relevant literature.
- Translating the SDGs into concrete literature.
- Aligning the collection to the SDGs.
- New agreements with publishers.
- Enhancing acquisitions.
- Retrospective cataloguing and indexing.
- Updating AGROVOC, FAO’s multilingual thesaurus, with new terms.