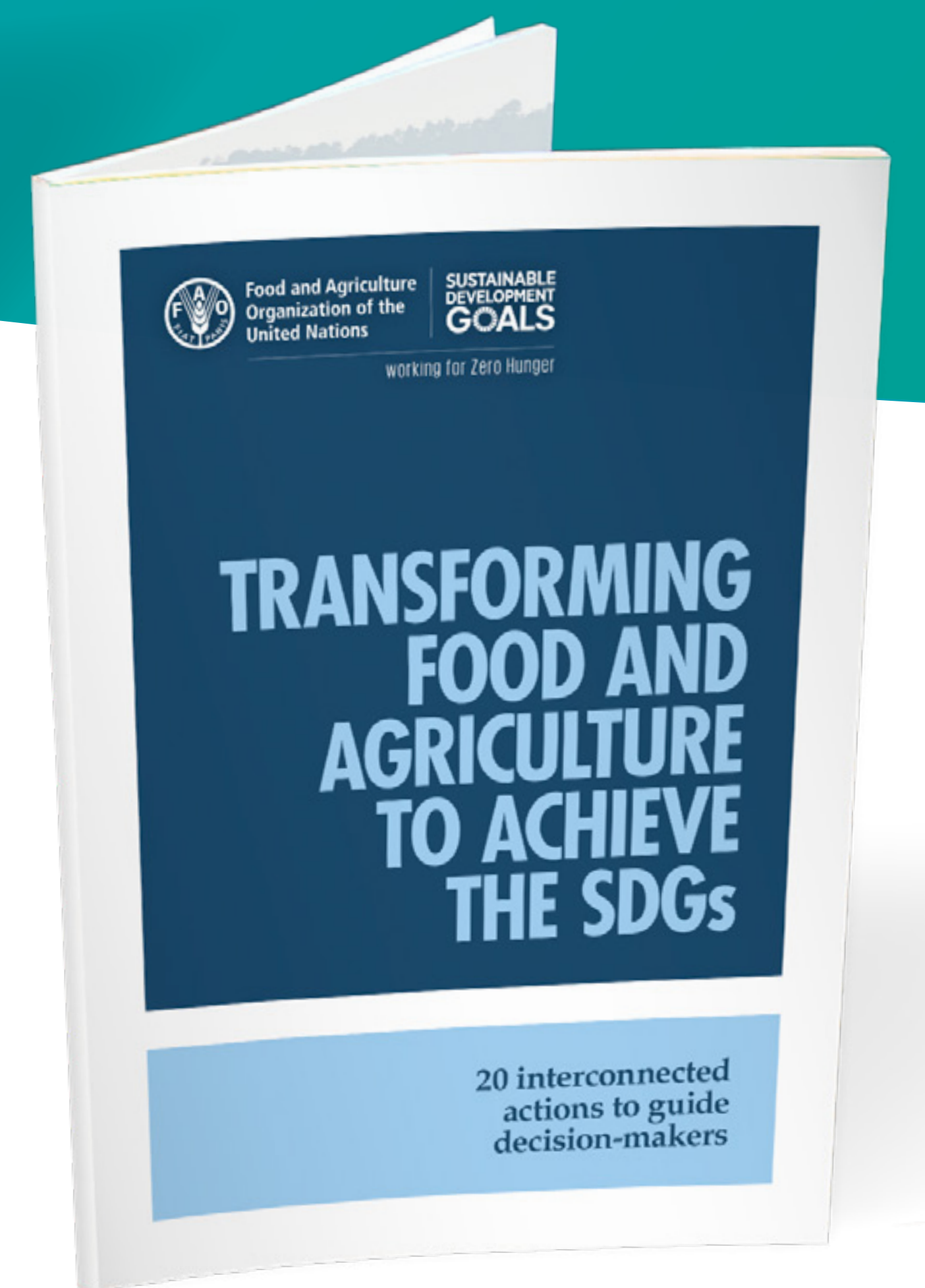




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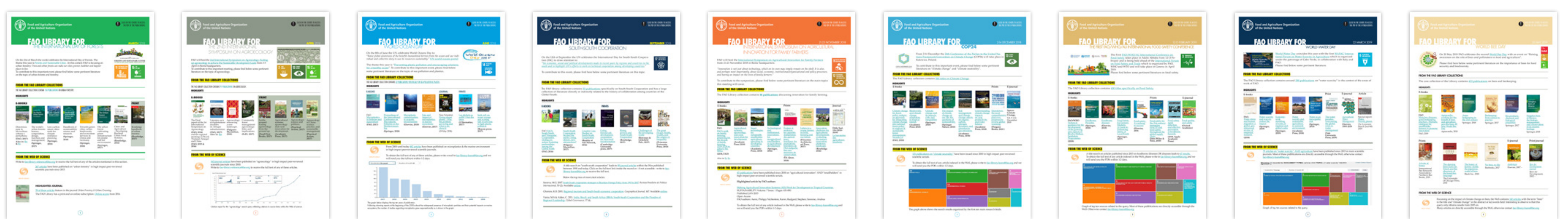
How the FAO Library translates the SDGs into tangible knowledge



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.



World Food Day
On 16 October 2018, FAO celebrated World Food Day (WFD). The year's theme was Zero Hunger represented by Sustainable Development Goal 2.

Data analysis
This feature analyses metadata to highlight authors, institutions, and/or areas of study relevant to the theme.



SDG 2: Zero Hunger
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Historic insight
Traces back the historic development of a theme through the Library's special collections: rare books and incunabula, the International Institute of Agriculture, the Centre International de Sylviculture, the FAO Institutional Memory collection, and others.

Access to content
Highlights the most up-to-date literature on the topic.



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.