



YOUTH INNOVATION LAB

Empowering Youth for a Better Food Future

Innovation in agriculture cuts across all dimensions of the production cycle along the entire value chain - from crop, forestry, fishery or livestock production to the management of inputs and resources, and market access.

Youth-led innovation plays a crucial part in agrifood systems transformation, accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Objective

The World Food Forum's (WFF) **Youth Innovation Lab** supports youth-led innovation, offering visibility, capacity development and funding to elevate, develop and scale high-impact solutions to address agrifood systems challenges.

Initiatives

Through the Youth Innovation Lab initiatives, the WFF bolsters youth-led solutions for sustainable development in support of ending hunger. Led by global youth, it engages the leaders of tomorrow and elevates youth-led innovative solutions, inspiring the world to confront the threats that our agrifood systems face today.

Transformative Research Challenge (TRC)

A global competition that engages young researchers to develop innovative projects to support the transformation of our agrifood systems. The TRC partners with research institutions, United Nations agencies and non-profits to address critical agrifood systems topics, offering hundreds of thousands of dollars in research grants, as well as mentorship opportunities.

Youth Food Lab (YFL)

An incubator programme that empowers young innovators from all backgrounds to develop and scale their high-potential solutions into sustainable business models. The YFL is launching local Labs to create a global, decentralized network to provide youth with the skills and resources to advance and scale projects in their local context.

Startup Innovation Awards (SIA)

An annual startup competition to support young innovators and entrepreneurs who are harnessing the power of technology to drive the sustainable transformation of our agrifood systems. In collaboration with diverse partners, the SIA provides winners with financial support, capacity development, visibility and monetary awards to elevate and scale their solutions.

Work with us to support youth-led agrifood systems innovation around the world!

We are looking for:

Young people around the world who are developing innovative solutions to achieve a better food future.

Support for the TRC:

- Partners to develop and sponsor topical prizes.
- Expert mentors to support teams.
- Evaluators to judge research outputs.

Support for the YFL:

- Expert mentors for teams of the global online cohort.
- Partners to offer capacity building resources to participants.
- Organizations with which to develop the global network of YFLs.

Support for the SIA:

- Partners to sponsor awards on specific topics.
- Investors looking to add agrifood systems' tech innovations to their portfolios.
- Partners to develop post-awards accelerator programmes for winning startups.

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