



# MEET THE SPEAKER

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Henry is a national of the Netherlands with over 20 years of experience in digital innovation. He has always explored new boundaries for the use of digital solutions for agrifood systems transformation and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

He firmly believes digital technologies are a powerful means of implementing agrifood systems transformation through speed and scale of uptake; reduced deployment costs; growth in public awareness; delivery of innovation, connectivity, productivity and efficiency gains across sectors.

In the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation's (FAO) work, it is about creating value and impact for achieving the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, the FAO Science and Innovation strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) action agenda, leaving no one behind. This means special attention for the most vulnerable people: women, youth, and the rural poor.

He leads the FAO Programme Priority Area on Digital Agriculture that is part of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, and leads the Digital Agriculture Unit in the FAO Office of Innovation, acts as Lead Technical Officer of the Global Network of Digital Agriculture Innovation Hubs, and has been contributing since 2020 to FAO's engagement in the Rome Call for AI Ethics.