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INFOPOVERTY SEMINAR

**The World Food Security e-Center:
to transfer appropriate technology and knowledge providing digital services for rural development
and urban nutrition**

Marrakech, COP22 HQ, Green Zone, November 17, h 9.00 am

PRESENTATION

The new technologies are changing the world: radicated problems today can find solutions thanks to new digital low cost applications able to face the challenge of environmental and sustainable development, accelerating the achievement of the SDGs. Now, the arising of the global connectivity, made possible by the spreading use of mobile phones and smartphones, internet and computers, allows the exchange of information and the provision of services able to empower people skills and capabilities.

In order to positively value these devices, as potentially working tools for development, it is important to offer people-oriented services, capable to meet their real needs by transferring adequate technologies and knowledge and to activate human resources, helping the public institution to sustain effective development policies. In front of the emergencies of the climate change is urgent to involve all capacities, discoveries and resources, coming from all fields of human intelligence, in a huge effort to win this common battle.

In this sense operates the Infopoverty Program, acting by OCCAM at UN, which has realized since 2001 projects and actions on the ground, presented every year at UNHQ during the Infopoverty World Conference, gathers the most relevant stakeholders of the digital revolution, aimed to apply the best practices.

In this ambit was launched at XVI Infopoverty World Conference at UNHQ in NY on April 2016 the **World Food Security e-Center** (WFSeC) a new institution devoted to supply services and digital technologies directly to the people, communities and public institutions to give concrete solutions and launch important initiative for the achievement of the SDG13, enhancing the acceleration of SDG1 and SDG2 as relevant factors of the new climate-neutrality policies.

The World Food Security e-Center, born as EXPO 2015 legacy, associating the existing competences owned by Academia, laboratories, center of excellence- aims to share, through the ad hoc Platform and new robotic and sensors devices, specific digital services for people in needs, able to improve the rural development, in particular in emerging countries.

The core system of the Center, the digital platform works as a hub able to storage big data and monitor climatic, non-climatic and environmental variables important to find and attribute climate change impacts on food security, achieving better capability to manage all phenomena related to the global warming, renewable energy, desertification risk, climatology, nutrition, fresh and potable water, to improve the human life conditions and reinforce the poverty eradication challenge.

The Infopoverty Seminar held by OCCAM on 17 November h 9 am, at COP22 Green Zone, will present the results achieved and the main tasks of the World Food Security e-Center (WFSeC), illustrating the architecture and platform, and sharing the main services set-up for e-agriculture.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

9.00 am Opening session:

H.E. Giovanni La Via, President of the Environmental Commission, Public Health and Food Security, European Parliament (invited)

Pierpaolo Saporito, President OCCAM and Infopoverty Program at UN

9.20 am First session: *Climate change impact on food security, the role of WFSeC*

Claudia Sorlini, President Scientific Committee EXPO 2015

Cezar Alvarez, Vice Chief Information Officer, FAO

Chris Smithers, President of the Smithers Foundation, US

Hassan Ghazal, President of Moroccan Society for Telemedicine and eHealth / University Mohamed Premier, Morocco

9.50 am Second session: *WFSeC digital services for rural development*

Giuseppe Enne, President of the Desertification Research Centre (via Skype)

Simona Palermo, Business Development Manager at PTP

Hewan Teka Legesse, responsible for Pan African University, African Union

H.E. Madina Rahaman, Vice Minister of Health, Republic of Sierra Leone

10.20 am third session: *General debate and Final Declaration*

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