

YOUTH INNOVATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

Startup Innovation Awards

The WFF Startup Innovation Awards, powered by Extreme Tech Challenge (XTC) are a global startup competition established to support and showcase innovators and entrepreneurs who are harnessing the power of technology to drive the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems in support of ending global hunger and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The prize categories are:

Better Nutrition**Better Production****Better Environment****Better Life****Innovation of the Year**

In 2023, the World Food Forum received over 400 startup entrants from 69 countries, which shortlisted into 34 semifinalists, with 55 percent of them from the Global South.

Youth Food Lab

The Youth Food Lab is the latest addition to the WFF Innovation Lab and has been created in partnership with Wageningen University & Research (WUR) and International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences (IAAS).

The Youth Food Lab identifies, supports and scales high-potential solutions to transform agrifood systems worldwide. The mission of this project is to elevate young innovators from all backgrounds and countries of the world, to nurture their innovative, high-potential ideas to transform agrifood systems into sustainable business models.

Transformative Research Challenge

Aims to inspire research and innovation in sustainable development to end hunger and transform our agrifood systems.

Teams of young and young-at-heart researchers are invited to submit a two-page concept note proposing an innovative research idea to help end hunger and transform our agrifood systems.

Shortlisted participants receive expert mentorship to help translate their concepts into sound research papers and present them at the WFF global stage each October.

2024 TRC prize categories:

Global One Health: Co-hosted by Wageningen University & Research, FAO and One Health & Disease Control Group

Plant-based food: Co-hosted with Meatless Monday and Simon Fraser University

Food loss and waste: Co-hosted with FAO Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN)

The role of water in transforming our agrifood systems: Co-hosted with EIT Food

Gender mainstreaming and PPR eradication: Co-hosted with FAO PPR-GEP Secretariat



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