



Food and Agriculture Organization
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Achieving the SDGs through Investments in Marginal Environments

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Poverty and food insecurity are linked to multiple types of marginality, from biophysical marginalities such as limited or poor quality water for farming, to social marginalities such as caste, gender, or ethnicity. Poorly functioning markets and lack of alignment between formal property rights and informal ownership systems contribute to systemic marginalities. To achieve the SDGs of zero poverty and zero hunger by 2030, investments that address these marginalities are necessary. Starting from 1999, ICBA's contributions include addressing biophysical constraints of salinity and water stress, using both 'high tech' and 'low tech' approaches. Critical policy issues such as tradeoffs between higher financial return and investments with greater poverty reduction impacts are highlighted.



About ICBA

International Center for Biosaline Agriculture - ICBA is an international, non-profit organization that aims to strengthen agricultural productivity in marginal and saline environments through identifying, testing and facilitating access to sustainable solutions for food, nutrition and income security

The seminar will be followed by a Q&A session

The **Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department** is pleased to present this seminar which is jointly organized by the **Technical Network on Water** and the **Technical Network on Land and Tenure**

All staff are welcome