



The Club of Ossiach is a **group of agriculturists, agribusiness managers, agriculture and forestry technologists, environmentalists and agricultural ICT specialists from around the world.**

They meet periodically at Ossiach to collectively **discuss and collaboratively act on influencing the use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) to improve agricultural productivity**, profitability and contribution to food and nutritional security and safety globally.

They reviewed current trends and possible discontinuities resulting from political, social, environmental and technological changes, potentially impacting on the future of agriculture, farming, rural viability, food and nutrition worldwide.

Ossiach Declaration on the uptake of ICT for Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Viability and Environmental Management

The Club of Ossiach recognized that:

- Almost a third of the world's population is vulnerable to poverty and malnutrition, respectively is marginal in its current food and nutritional security, has concerns of its food safety and reliability of its supply.
- The resource poor small holder farmers of the world are the poorest and the bottom of the heap of the hungry.
- The world today faces severe environmental changes and damages. In addition it cannot continue to exploit natural resources in the current unsustainable manner.
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), nanotechnology, biotechnology, materials and space technology among many other technological innovations, individually and jointly, are essentially unsynchronized. This negatively influences human progress and development including agriculture, food security and rural viability. We have to create a bio-based economy (accepting the sustainability rules of nature) transforming industry, business and services.
- The potential to feed the world, to use natural resources and safeguard the environment depends on judicious change and use of technology.
- However, the poorest of the world not only suffer the most but may miss from benefitting from this economic and technological transformation.

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