Dear Community Member,

Welcome to the OpenAgriNet (OAN) community! We are thrilled to have you join us in our mission to revolutionise global agriculture through open, interoperable digital infrastructure and AI. This document serves as your guide to navigating our community and contributing to our shared vision.

<p style="text-align:center"><strong style="color:green">Community Onboarding Guide</p>

OAN Overview and Vision

OpenAgriNetworks/OpenAgriNet (OAN) is a global coalition of innovators, governments, and organisations committed to transforming global agriculture. We leverage interoperable digital infrastructure networks, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and collaborative resource sharing to drive sustainable, efficient, and inclusive agricultural practices worldwide.

Our key objectives include:

- Establishing and stewarding the evolution of the network of practitioners and organisations.
- Designing, building, and establishing a global blueprint and architecture for OAN-based Digital Agriculture Grids.
- Addressing the livelihood needs of core beneficiary classes (e.g., rural smallholder farmers and their families) in an equitable and gender-inclusive way.
- Building and curating Digital Public Goods (DPGs) to facilitate the adaptation of the OAN blueprint and architecture frameworks in several country implementations of the Grids.
- Driving adoption of OAN globally.
- Designing, curating, and disseminating best practices in Digital Agriculture

Community Guidelines

To ensure a positive and productive environment for everyone, we have established the following guidelines:

- **Code of Conduct:** Treat all community members with respect and courtesy. Avoid any forms of inappropriate interpersonal conduct. Be considerate of cultural norms as much as possible during your interactions with members of the community or during high-level conversations.
- **Communication Protocols:** Use appropriate channels for communication. For general discussions, use the designated discussion forums. For specific technical issues, use the relevant working group channels. For everything else, contact the OAN Community Lead
- **Collaboration:** Be open to collaboration and sharing your knowledge and expertise.
- **Openness:** Be transparent in your contributions and acknowledge the work of others.

[How to Contribute](#) [In detail here]

There are many ways to contribute to the OAN community:

- **Articles and Blog Posts:** Share your insights and experiences by writing articles or blog posts related to digital agriculture, AI, and interoperability.
- **Use Case Submissions:** Submit real-world use cases which can significantly impact farmers and communities and test them with OAN team in a sandbox environment
- **Code Contributions:** Contribute to the development of OAN DPGs by submitting code, bug reports, and feature requests.
- **Data Contributions:** Share relevant agricultural data that can be used to train AI models and improve decision support systems.
- **Documentation:** Help improve the documentation for OAN DPGs and resources.

[Ways to Get Involved](#) [In detail here]

- **Working Groups:** Join one of our working groups, which focus on specific areas such as Technology and Architecture, Research and Implementation, Policy and Partnerships
- **Events:** Participate in our annual OAN events, conferences, hackathons, bootcamps, and community workshops.
- **Discussions:** Engage in discussions on our online forums and share your thoughts and ideas.

- **Working Groups:** Join and participate in multi-workstream working groups with participation from the network members.

Working Groups

1. Technology & Infrastructure Working Group: This group would focus on the technical aspects of open agriculture, including data standards, platform development, and technological solutions.
2. Research & Implementation Working Group: This group would concentrate on the research, development, and practical implementation of open agriculture initiatives. It would involve researchers, practitioners, and individuals from organisations involved in field implementation.
3. Policy & Partnerships Working Group: This group would focus on policy advocacy, partnership building, and community engagement. It would involve individuals from organisations focused on policy, funding, and outreach.

These are initial suggestions, and we can refine these groups based on community feedback and specific interests. I believe these working groups will help us focus our efforts and make significant progress in advancing open agriculture**. Please indicate through this form which Working Group you'd like to be a part of [here](). We have already set up respective channels for Working Group [here on Discord]() where you can jump right in**

FAQ and Troubleshooting Guide

- **How can I join a working group?** You can express your interest in joining a working group by filling out the form above and joining the respective discord channel.
- **Who should I contact for technical support?** For technical support, post a query on the OAN discord channel [here.]()
- **Who should I contact for community-related inquiries?** For community-related inquiries, contact the Community Lead.

We are excited to work with you to achieve our shared vision. Your contributions are valuable and will help us make a significant impact on the future of agriculture.