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Anthony Bennett is the Leader (*Ad Interim*) of the Agro-food Industries (AFI) Group, located in the Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industry Division of FAO, based in Rome Italy. He obtained his MSc (Agriculture) in Engineering Technology from University College Dublin, Ireland and also holds an MA (Meritus) from Trinity College Dublin.

Tony has 20 years of international professional experience in working with developing and transition countries to develop their food and agriculture industries. He has undertaken missions to over 90 countries in Asia, Africa, the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

With a global mandate the AFI group seeks to add value to and increase demand for farm outputs, thereby contributing to poverty reduction and food security in rural areas as well as generating sustainable employment opportunities in off-farm activities such as handling, processing, packaging, storage, transportation and marketing of food and non-food agricultural products. We work in consultation and in collaboration with member countries to address their specific needs related to food and agricultural industries development through the provision of advisory support, technical information and capacity building activities.

Current focus areas of the Group include Food Losses and Waste such as the SAVE FOOD initiative, an exciting partnership with the private sector, and the FAO Global Initiative on Food Losses and Waste which currently houses over US\$30million of projects and programmes, Cold chains and logistics.