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FAO endorses the general set of principles identified in a preliminary manner to guide the preparatory work and the Summit. However, in line with the recommendations of the Second Consultation on Agricultural Information Management (Rome, September 2002), it would be appropriate to include agricultural information management in particular into the Action Plan, and also the following four specific topics:

- the production, adoption and dissemination of gender-disaggregated data into information policies;
  - the local appropriation of ICTs by rural communities;
  - the role of women and youth in the development of an information society, including promotion of ICTs for development;
  - the contribution of information and communication technologies in the promotion and food security.
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