



CFS42 Special Event

Developing the knowledge, skills, and talent of youth for food security and nutrition

October 15, 9:30 – 11:30am

Objective: Identify lessons learned and best practices in engaging and developing the capacity of youth in agriculture and food systems, and potential policy implications.

Format: (1 hr 45 min)

Opening: The CFS Chair will open the event and introduce the panelists and facilitator.

Interactive Discussion: The facilitator will then provide an overview of the key challenges and opportunities for engaging youth in agriculture and developing their capacity so that they are able to contribute to ending hunger and malnutrition. The facilitator will then ask each panelist and the floor to discuss the following topics:

- The main challenges faced in their own experience, particular to youth
- How they overcame those challenges
- The role of various stakeholder groups in overcoming challenges
- How can their experience be replicated or applied in other settings – what is needed?

Polling of Challenges: Delegates will see a list of the challenges emerging from the background doc and discussion and be asked to rank the most urgent challenges

Don'ts: No powerpoints or prepared statements

Do's:

- Bring anecdotes, recent experiences, and data points about the topic.
- Keep each intervention to under 3 minutes

The facilitator will mix responses between panelists, the floor, and social media to try to make the discussion as interactive as possible.

Summary of Key Points: The facilitator will then ask panelists to summarize what they think and what they heard from the floor as the key points of what is needed to overcome challenges and take advantage of opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and talent of youth. The facilitator will then add her own points to this list and ask for any additions from the floor.

Polling of Prioritization: Delegates will be asked to rank the key actions in terms of priority via the plenary voting system. Results will be displayed on the screen. (see voting options sheet for more detail)

Conclusion: Facilitator will summarize the event and thank panelists and the floor for their interventions.

Expected Outcome:

List of priority actions to engage and develop the capacity of youth to further food security and nutrition.

Potential Questions:

- What are the different/particular challenges in developing the capacity of youth (versus other stakeholders)?
- Where are greatest opportunities for engaging youth more fully in determining solutions to their own challenges? What kind of for a?
- What are the roles of different stakeholders in addressing the challenges in developing the capacity of youth? Who is playing a leading role?
- Is there an ongoing role for youth at CFS and in CFS decision-making?
- What are the measurable results of various approaches that we can draw learning from in terms of scaling up and replication? Do we have adequate data on whether approaches are having an impact?
- What role does culture play in engaging youth in different ways? What are some examples?
- What is the biggest mistake/error that policymakers typically make in designing youth initiatives?
- How can we blend traditional knowledge with innovation and new technologies in capacity building approaches? What are some examples of how this has worked well?
- What kind of research is needed to provide a greater evidence base to capacity development interventions? Where has research been misaligned in the past?