Google Maps for Food Systems: A New Dashboard and Set of Actions to Inform Better Food and Nutrition Policy.

Food systems are not delivering the outcomes the SDGs demand. Hunger, biodiversity, affordable healthy diets, greenhouse gas emissions, poverty numbers: they are all moving away from SDG targets. Food systems lie at the heart of these outcomes. Transform food systems and we will begin to turn these trends around. The CFS session co-organised by FAO, GAIN and Johns Hopkins University highlighted two new tools to help all stakeholders do just that. The Food Systems Dashboard is a new platform to help democratise food system data, describe food systems, and help diagnose their strengths and where and how to act to address their weaknesses. The No Regrets policy work led by City, London University, aims to identify policies that all countries could be confident in taking to begin to transform their food systems. The panellists commented on the huge potential of the two tools to provide a “google-like” data/interface for users, and commended the organisations involved for working together to join up several data/policy efforts, but they stressed that the tools need to lead to action, be aligned with other efforts such as the CFS Voluntary Guidelines for food systems and nutrition, had to be relevant at the subnational level, should be useful in humanitarian contexts and needed more real time high quality data collected through innovative methods.

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