

The CSM Youth Working Group's side-event, *Food for Our Future: Youth Leading Radical Transformations Towards Economies of Wellbeing*, presented youth perspectives on and demands for the radical transformations of our food systems. The panel explored the four pillars of the HLPE's report, *Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems*, to protect and strengthen youth engagement in building economies of well-being based on rights, equity, agency and recognition. Speakers addressed the major challenges and threats to securing dignified livelihoods for youth, such as climate change, environmental destruction, a lack of access to productive resources (land, water, seeds) and systemic racism, gender discrimination and social exclusion. They also indicated ways for overcoming these challenges, presenting a variety of youth-led, community-based solutions centered around the realization of human rights, re-establishing healthy environments, and holistic food systems transformation.

Panelists included: Carson Kiburo (International Indian Treaty Council) discussing climate justice, Anuka de Silva (MONLAR LVC South Asia) discussing peasants' rights, Alice Mheluka (Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (TPAWU) and IUF) discussing workers' rights, Krishnakar Kúmmari (International Movement of the agricultural and rural catholic Youth) on gender, class, caste and racial discrimination, and Giulia Símula (Urgenci) on food sovereignty. The panel was also joined by co-sponsor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Michael Fakhri, as well as Dr. Ruy López-Ridaura, from the government of Mexico.