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Side event 06 | Food systems for the 21st century: how data-driven analysis, and multi-stakeholder collaboration contribute to policy decision-making and investments

Organized by:

- Department for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), European Commission
- Investment Centre of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Sweden
- The Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI)

Tuesday, 24 October; 8.30 – 9.45 (UTC+2)
Red Room & via Zoom

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Abstract

Agri-food systems are challenged to strengthen their sustainability, inclusiveness, transparency and resilience, often requiring significant trade-offs between economic, environmental and social goals. A strong and accessible data and analytical foundation, and participatory consultative processes are critical prerequisites for identifying policy options for Governments, civil society and private sector to consider. Though sufficient data may be available, decision-makers often lack the capacities and tools to interpret and act on them.

This joint side event, organised by the EU, FAO, the Government of Sweden and SIANI, brings together diverse actors and geographic perspectives to discuss this critical interface between data and analysis and multistakeholder processes for policy and investment decision-making. It presents insights from crosscutting regional analyses of 50 country EU-FAO-CIRAD food systems' assessments as well as lessons on how to collate, align, and avail data efficiently and transparently for consumers, practitioners, and decision makers. The panel will also examine the challenges, opportunities and trade-offs of developing policies and investment to enhance the environmental sustainability of terrestrial and marine food systems.

Objectives

- Exchange experiences and highlight good examples of how improved access to data can improve FSN decision-making on global, regional, and national level for better food security and nutrition outcomes;
- Share operational examples from Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa for linking systemic food systems' analysis and stakeholder consultative processes to policy and investment decision-making;
- Suggest options for enhancing use of evidence-based and consultative processes to strengthen the political will for action and mobilising public and innovative finance for investments.



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