

SE16: Good Food for All, for Today and Tomorrow – Inclusive Youth Engagement and Empowerment for Agrifood Systems Transformation

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Description

Every person on the planet needs good food to thrive, yet the agrifood systems that provide us with food are under increasing pressure to meet the requirements of a growing population.

Youth are often excluded from processes that discuss long-term policies and solutions for agrifood systems transformation. Their engagement is limited to participation and consultation, seldom reaching the level of true leadership. This presents a missed opportunity for more inclusive and impactful outcomes to their participation, denying them the opportunity to be in the driver's seat of agrifood systems transformation.

To achieve good food for all, it will be crucial to elevate and finance youth-specific programmatic actions at the global, regional and local levels, engaging youth in agrifood systems policy and advocacy, empowering young agrifood entrepreneurs and researchers that have innovative solutions and developing youth's capacity around pertinent thematic areas that enable them to acquire relevant skills for entrepreneurship and employment in the agrifood sector. Looking ahead, it will also be crucial to explore key issues, trends and uncertainties that will shape opportunities and risks for youth in agrifood systems, such as artificial intelligence.

As such, this side event aims to explore transformative approaches to enhance the inclusive engagement and empowerment of youth in agrifood systems transformation, aligning with the CFS policy recommendations on reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition, and promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems.

