

SE29: Rethinking poverty and rural transformation to include Indigenous Peoples' views and their food and knowledge systems

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Description

In March 2023, the Resilient and Inclusive Transformation Impact Initiative presented the technical paper: "Indigenous Peoples: From discrimination and marginalization to inclusion in a meaningful and effective way". This paper highlights the differences between Indigenous Peoples' perception of poverty and well-being and those of mainstream approaches, which often lead to the systematic failure of development policies. These approaches frequently cause harm – including the erosion of Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems, deterioration of health and food security, and environmental decline within their territories. Such impacts often result in the migration of Indigenous Youth to urban areas, exacerbating their food and knowledge systems and threatening their right to adequate food, deeply rooted in their traditional practices, lands and territories.

This side event aims to address Indigenous Peoples' rights, values, and needs in the design, implementation, and monitoring of rural transformation policies and projects. It seeks to discuss strategies and recommendations to counter these negative trends and enhance the resilience of Indigenous communities. Despite their tied relationship to their lands and territories, many have lost control to them, facing increased violence and displacement. The participants of the event will gain insights into practical solutions and collaborative efforts necessary to build resilient, inclusive, equitable, and sustainable agrifood systems, contributing to the CFS vision and multiple SDGs (1, 2, 10, 12, 13 and 15).