

SE35: Food systems transformation – The missing policies on consumers' purchasing power

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Description

The adoption of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals highlighted the need for transformative actions in agriculture and food systems to achieve Zero Hunger, enhance food security, and improve nutrition by 2030. Despite these ambitions, achieving these goals remains challenging due to ongoing crises, and the slow progress in building resilient food systems.

International and national efforts to impulse transition focus on the supply side, lacking emphasis on demand-side measures. The absence of comprehensive demand-side policies remains a critical gap in achieving global food security, since these strategies aim to improve the economic status of the poor and are the only ones that address the root causes of food insecurity, poverty, and inequality. To overcome these challenges, the food system transformation should be oriented toward creating dynamic economies through investment in governance and public goods (roads, electricity, education) and job creation.

This event intends to promote a multi-stakeholder debate emphasizing the critical importance of demand-side policies in transforming global food systems and achieving sustainable food security. It is proposed as part of Agrinatura's "Sustainable Agri-Food Systems Intelligence – Science-Policy Interface", supported by the European Commission (EC), and is jointly organized by Agrinatura, FAO Investment Centre and EC (DG-INTPA).

