

Thematic discussion: Defining “Youth”; Youth and Human Rights

Friday 10 December 2021 - 14:00-17:00 (CET)

Registration link:

https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJluc-qtrzkiHNOZ_19Qu3PPagcRMC6yW7fr

Interpretation will be provided in six languages

The objective of CFS thematic discussions is to foster a shared understanding among CFS stakeholders of key concepts and themes related to the topic of youth engagement, employment in agriculture and food systems.

Through this first dialogue, CFS stakeholders will have an opportunity to engage in a productive conversation on ways to understand and define “youth” and the central role of human rights in fostering an enabling environment for youth in the context of agriculture and food systems.

Opening remarks by the Rapporteur	14:00 – 14:10
<p>There is no universal definition of youth, as it can be defined according to different parameters and factors, ranging from biological age to intergenerational relations. The discussion will offer an opportunity to go address how youth is defined differently by various institutions and in different contexts with a view to find a common understanding in view of the preparation of the CFS policy recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keynote presentation on: <i>Defining “Youth”</i> by Ms Anna Korzenszky - HLPE Project Team Member ➤ <i>Open floor discussion</i> <p><i>Proposed guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>How do the examples introduced in the keynote presentation resonate with your specific context/country experience?</i> 2) <i>Based on the keynote presentation, and considering the prevalent interpretations of the concept in your own contexts, would the proposed definition of youth based on relational terms, be a suitable option for the CFS policy convergence process?</i> 	14:10 – 15:30

<p>The human rights of youth refers to the full enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms by young people. Promoting these rights entails addressing the specific challenges and barriers faced by youth in the context of agriculture and food systems. The discussion will provide an opportunity to identify UN conventions, declarations as well as specific rights that are relevant for the purpose of the policy recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keynote presentation on: <i>The central role of human rights in fostering an enabling environment for youth in agriculture and food systems</i> by Ms Hannah Wittman - HLPE Project Team Leader ➤ <i>Open floor discussion</i> <p><i>Proposed guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>How do the examples introduced in the keynote presentation resonate with your specific context/country experience?</i> 2) <i>In addition to the realization of the human right to food and the right to work in safe and healthy working conditions are there other rights that can be considered foundational for the CFS policy recommendations on youth?</i> 	<p>15:30 – 16:50</p>
<p>Closing remarks by the Rapporteur</p>	<p>16:50 – 17:00</p>