

Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger Partner Event



Outcomes Summary

“When youths get involved the results are always ambitious, they always raise the bar”

Diana Lenzi –WFO

The Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger held a partner event titled: What works? What doesn't work? What could work? during the 2020 CFS special virtual summit. The event was supported by seven other organizations namely; WFO, SEARCA, Rabobank, I4Nature, YPARD, TFF, and IFAD.

A range of themes were discussed by panelists, with specific focus on policy, finance, technology, youth communities and education. Challenges in non-formal education as well as the complexity of the policy making process were highlighted, and emphasis on training young farmers was subsequently made. It was noted that youth initiatives are fragmented and usually disconnected from local and global policy programs, hence the need to focus on grassroots and “put young people in the driver's seat”.

To be able to deliver effective policies that foster youth engagement and employment in Agri-food systems there is a need to approach the issue from a holistic perspective, taking into the account all the different aspects of food systems. The webinar highlighted the need of involving youth in the policy making of those policies that will directly affect them. Not only “for” youth, but “by” youth is the only way to deliver effective policies.

In addition, the webinar provided an opportunity to announce public consultations on HLPE 16 Report and the Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger modalities draft. The event created a great opportunity for further collaborations and partnerships going forward, a prospect that the Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger looks forward to and gladly welcomes.