

Food Systems Solutions Webinar 2025

Enabling processes for marginalized voices to drive change in food systems

19 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (CEST) | Virtual

Background

In 2025, the Hub is hosting a series of Food Systems Solutions Webinars (FSSWs), open to the public, to foster broader engagement on critical issues related to food systems transformation. Each webinar focuses on a different theme, addressing emerging challenges and opportunities within the global food systems agenda. The webinars build upon the global commitments and outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment and the Secretary-General's Call to Action. The themes for the 2025 series of FSSWs are aligned with the objectives of the forthcoming second UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake (UNFSS+4), happening in July 2025 in Ethiopia and focusing on **reflecting on progress, partnerships and tracking commitments, and unlocking finance and increasing investments** for food systems transformation. The webinars are part of the Hub's outreach activities with the public and interested food systems stakeholders in preparation for the UNFSS+4 and serve as a platform to increase public awareness about various food systems-related topics.

Purpose of the Webinar

Despite being vital to the functioning and resilience of food systems, marginalized groups—including youth, Indigenous Peoples, women, and other underrepresented communities—continue to face structural exclusion from governance processes and decision-making platforms. Their unique experiences, traditional knowledge, and context-based innovations are critical for driving equitable and sustainable food systems transformation. This webinar will examine how the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) catalyzed the creation of an Ecosystem of Support (EoS) aimed at institutionalizing inclusive mechanisms for engagement, with a special focus in youth and Indigenous People's. The discussion will analyze persistent barriers, such as power asymmetries, limited access to resources, and epistemic injustices, that constrain agency and participation. It will also explore intersectional approaches and participatory methodologies that enable these groups to co-create, lead, and influence systemic change. By convening diverse actors and perspectives, the session aims to surface practical and actionable solutions and policy innovations that can embed equity, accountability, and voices in the food systems landscape at multiple scales.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/FSSW19JUN25>

Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	Opening remarks Mr Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
30 min	<p>Panel discussion: Stakeholders from the UNFSS Ecosystem of Support to share insights on global advocacy efforts to elevate the voices of marginalized actors in food systems, alongside powerful grassroots perspectives on progress made and collaborative solutions for transforming food systems amid global challenges.</p> <p>Youth perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Nicole de Paula, Technical Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub to speak about the UNFSS Youth Declaration and global efforts to empower youth voices in food systems work, including the Hub's Youth Leadership Programme Mr Daniel Montas, UN Food Systems Youth Leadership Programme Alumna, Dominican Republic, TMG Think Tank for Sustainability to share insights from the recently concluded Youth Conference in Bangkok and key messages to be discussed at the UNFSS+4. <p>Indigenous People's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Geoffrey Roth, Expert Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) to share insights on global advocacy efforts to empower Indigenous Peoples in food systems processes since the UNFSS. Ms Jemimah Kerenge, Africa Coordinator, Land is Life, to share perspectives from the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in national food systems transformation processes, and key messages to be discussed at the UNFSS+4. <p>Moderator: Ms Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p>
15 min	Q&A