

## Strengthening Food Security and Local Economy: Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Feed BC's Pathway to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Wednesday 26 July 2023, 13:30-14:30 (CET) – Iran Room



### Background and objectives

Aligned with the UNFSS+2 goals, this side event, moderated by Dr. Tammara Soma of SFU, will emphasize the pivotal role of sustainable food systems in accelerating the SDGs. It will focus on the SFU and B.C Ministry of Food and Agriculture program Feed BC's actions that contribute towards the United Nations' global vision, especially with regards to responsible consumption and production.

### Expected outcomes

Illustrate the success story of the collaboration between SFU and Feed BC, which serves as a powerful example of transforming local food systems and fulfilling SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

Highlight the indispensable role of indigenous food systems in enhancing dietary quality and fostering resilience, thereby contributing to SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).

Underscore the necessity to fortify local food economies and improve food security, as demonstrated by the case study of a social enterprise in the food sector, directly linked with SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Advocate for further collaborations and partnerships at local, national, and international levels, as promoted by representatives from the food service sector,

to propel forward SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).

### Moderator

**Dr. Tammara Soma,**  
Simon Fraser University

### Panellists

**Sid Mehta**  
Simon Fraser University

**Stephanie Baryluk**  
Simon Fraser University Indigenous Chef

**Aart Schuurman Hess**  
Goodly Foods

**Kevin Booth**  
Chartwells Canada, Compass Group Canada

**Elietha Bocskei**  
Feed BC, British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Food