

How to Make Water Pivotal in Food Systems

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Background and objectives

Water plays a key role in food systems and is crucial for food security. Though the interlinkages between water and food security are increasingly recognized, only one-third of National Food Security Pathways mention water. This side-event builds on an analysis of the National Pathways and on the outcomes of the UN Water Conference. During the conference, increasing the resilience of food systems to reduce the unsustainable use of water was highlighted as a game changer. To drive change towards water and food security, concerted action is required. All actors in the food system must take responsibility. In this side-event we will discuss how actions for water and food security of different actors could be materialized.

Expected outcomes

One of the expected outcomes is to achieve an understanding of the need for collective action on the role of water in food systems and to set the knowledge agenda for this subject. A second outcome is to identify actions together on how to create robust water- and food systems both national and global.

Programme

- 12:30 Opening by Mrs. Karin Andeweg
- 12:33 Setting the scene by Dr. Lifeng Li
- 12:42 Presentation on water in food systems by Prof. Petra Hellegers

12:50 Interactive dialogue on collaborative actions with the panellist and audience

13:20 Closing

Moderator

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Speakers

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Panellists

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