WFO & TRADE

RECONNECTING GLOBAL TRADE WITH FARMERS' REALITY

WHAT IS WFO?

The **World Farmers' Organisation (WFO)** is a **member-driven organisation** representing **national farmers' organisations and agricultural cooperatives** globally. It gives voice to world farmers in key **global policy processes and multilateral fora to ensure decisions on agriculture and food systems integrate farmers' knowledge** and **on-the-ground experience**.

75+ MEMBERS	**55+** COUNTRIES
1 WORKING GROUP ON TRADE	**1** POLICY ON TRADE

WHAT IS OUR VISION ON TRADE?

WFO is committed to the pursuit of **ambitious trade policy objectives and the reinforcement of the rule-based global agricultural trading system**, ensuring farmers share the benefits from the opening of the markets and allowing farmers to operate in a trading environment that is:

FAIR **PREDICTABLE** **TRANSPARENT**

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WFO AS THE FARMERS' VOICE

The WFO is uniquely positioned to **provide WTO members with direct access to the voices of farmers worldwide**, ensuring agricultural trade policy is grounded in practical realities and global representation.

As the only international organisation representing farmers globally, **WFO offers credible and representative insights that strengthen the legitimacy and effectiveness of WTO agricultural negotiations**.

Engaging **WFO as a strategic partner ensures that WTO decisions reflect the lived experience of agricultural producers**, enhancing policy relevance and implementation.

OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

Restore dispute settlement: Prioritise the full restoration and reform of the WTO Appellate Body to allow farmers and member states to challenge unfair or illegal trade practices timely and effectively. Without a binding resolution, small and medium-scale farmers face the fallout from unresolved trade disputes without recourse.

Focus on trade and sustainability: Advancing the role of farmers in WTO discussions on trade and sustainability and ensuring their interests are reflected in the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD).

Reduce unlawful non-tariff barriers which impact unfairly farmers: Addressing non-tariff and technical barriers impacting farmers, building capacity on WTO agreements, and urging governments to remove inconsistent measures.

Strengthen international standards: Advocating for science-based, internationally agreed and consistent standards within the framework of the WTO Codex Alimentarius.

OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH WTO

- **Public Forum**
  Farmer-led sessions and bilateral engagements
- **Ministerial Conference**
  Agriculture negotiations
- **Civil Society Advisory Group**
  Direct dialogue with the DG

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