FSN Forum policy dialogues: contributing to food security and nutrition policy processes at country and regional level

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What is the FSN Forum?

✓ an inclusive, multilingual platform for online and face-to-face dialogue on food security and nutrition;
✓ a global, regional and national system for knowledge sharing and policy support;
✓ a network of experts and professionals who connect with and inform each other.
Who is part of the FSN Forum?

**AFFILIATION** of FSN Forum members
- **9%** Private Sector
- **9%** Self-Employed/Freelance
- **12%** Public Sector
- **15%** International/Intergovernmental Cooperation
- **30%** Academia and Science
- **25%** Civil Society Organizations

**DISTRIBUTION** of FSN Forum members according to FAO regions
- **28%** Europe and Central Asia
- **21%** Near East and North Africa
- **20%** Latin America and the Caribbean
- **15%** Africa
- **11%** Asia and the Pacific
- **5%** North America
- **1%** Oceania
Fosters stakeholders participation

Policy and programme design

Citizens
Donors
Civil society organizations
Private sector
International Organizations
Academia
Governments (national and local)
things
others
Fosters exchange of experiences
FSN Forum methodology

- ONLINE DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS
- WEBINARS
- WORKSHOPS
- SURVEYS
- CALLS FOR GOOD PRACTICES, CASE STUDIES AND REPORTS
- SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF EXPERTS WITH CONTACT FORM
- INFORMATION RESOURCES
Some of the main FSN Forum partners

GLOBAL

- CFS
- ICN2
- THE WORLD WE WANT
- HLPE
- UNSCN

REGIONAL

- CARICOM
- CACAARI
- ICEAN

NATIONAL

- Agricultural Information Institute of CAAS
- República Dominicana
Consultations for the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition

1st online consultation helped understand the critical activities to be included in the work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition

2nd online consultation gathered comments on the first draft work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.
Food security and nutrition programme (FSNP) for Kyrgyzstan

The Food Security and Nutrition Program (FSNP) of the Kyrgyz Republic was adopted in September 2015.

An action Plan for the period 2015-2017 was developed through a consultative process and participatory approach among various stakeholders supported by FAO.

The need for a multistakeholder consultation was identified to further align FSNP implementation with the Action Plan.
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Online consultation on the FSN Forum

Facilitated through a south-south approach and looked at:
• Policy
• Funding
• Role of Stakeholder
• Capacity Development
• Development of a Road Map
Food security and nutrition programme (FSNP) for Kyrgyzstan

29 comprehensive comments received
Experts from 12 countries (Australia, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tanzania, Turkey, USA and Uzbekistan) took part

1500 hits from 64 countries

Fed into the workshop:
“Food Security and Nutrition Programme for Kyrgyzstan in Action – in search of an efficient policy implementation”

Online consultation and workshop fed into a paper with recommendations presented to the Government
Food security and nutrition programme for Kyrgyzstan

Participants identified the following as needed to get the FSNP on track

**Funding**
- Secure funding and ensure rational use of resources
- Establishment of a strong tax base
- Donors can target specific tasks, according their mandate
- Create incentives for private sector involvement

**Multisectoral approach**
- Be inclusive of rural development, poverty alleviation and employment generating interventions
- Consider climate risks

**Stakeholder inclusiveness and coordination**
- Work closely with families/households
- Coordinate among different entities (ministries, agencies, donors, etc.) involved
- Establish knowledge exchange platforms including with local communities
- Academia and Civil society organizations can contribute expertise and knowledge

**Data**
- Make systematic and strategic use of data

**Assess and adapt**
- Engage in regular monitoring and evaluations
- Keep adapting the changing conditions
Call for good practices and lessons learned on food security and nutrition policy implementation in ECA

Feed into a compendium of good practices for inclusive policies and inter-sectoral coordination mechanisms

• Sustainable food systems for improved nutrition
• School food and nutrition programs
• Nutrition sensitive social protection programs
• Governance and accountability for nutrition.

You are invited to take part!
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Thank you

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