

Launch of the Food Systems Webinar Series

The notion of Food systems is of rising relevance and goes beyond food supply chains and nutrition. There is a need to transform our current food system – on global but also on national level – towards delivering more nutrition, health and climate (amongst others) friendly outcomes. The food system approach very much reflects SNRD activities: Everyone works somewhere in the food system and with his or her contribution tries to push the process of transformation forward.

Therefore, the SNRD Webinar Series on Food Systems “From Fork to Farm” was launched on the 30th of September. The series consists of six webinars which aim to create a common understanding of the food system approach and to give guidance on policy advise and program planning in the context of food systems.

In the kick-off webinar “Food System for healthy diets” around 80 participants gained basic knowledge on the food systems approach, how we can use it to promote healthier diets and identify drivers to transform our food systems. Rita Weidinger, SNRD Africa speaker, emphasized in her opening statement the relevance of the topic for SNRD Africa as a whole and particularly for the work done by its members, which are the projects and programs.

Martin Hoppe, Head of Division Food and nutrition security, global food policy and fisheries in BMZ, acknowledged GIZ’s efforts to mainstream the food systems approach in the rural development portfolio. Furthermore, he highlighted the importance of the topic for BMZ especially in the new BMZ 2030 strategy and the “OneWorld no Hunger” Thematic area. At the international level he stressed the catalytic role played by BMZ in the development of the voluntary guidelines on food systems and nutrition.

Dr. Anika Reinbott, advisor in the sector project agricultural policy, food and nutrition security, GIZ, set the scene with a brief introduction to the approach followed by an input from Dr.

Marie Ruel, Director of the Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division at IFPRI focusing on:

- what a food system for healthier diets within the planetary boundaries looks like
- ideas for actions to make food systems more effective to promote healthy and sustainable diets.

You can watch the [recording](#) of the kick-off webinar or have a look at the [slides](#) in French or English.

The second webinar of the series will take place on November 18th, 2020. Speakers from different GIZ projects will outline their works in the food system and how their projects contribute to improved food and nutrition security outcomes!

The organizer team is happy to receive ideas on topics you are curious to hear more about!

Please send your ideas to Dr. Anika Reinbott (anika.reinbott@giz.de)