

IMPROVING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN GHANA FROM A FOOD SYSTEMS APPROACH

Programme Dutch Ghanaian Research – Practice exchange afternoon

Thursday January 17, 2019, Mensvic Grand hotel, Accra, East Legon

- 12:00 – 12:30** **Registration**
By [Farmerline](#)
- 12:30 – 13:00** **Lunch** (at the Mensvic hotel)
- 13:30 – 13:35** **Welcome**
Welcome words by facilitator [Mary Ama Kudom-Agyemang](#)
Short introduction by Knowledge Broker Vanessa Nigten of [Food & Business Knowledge Platform](#).
- 13:35 – 13:55** **Presentation**
Research findings of [NWO-WOTRO Global Challenges Programme Call 3](#) on sustainable food systems by Assoc. Prof. [Laurens Klerkx](#) of Wageningen University.
- 13:55 – 14:00** **Q&A**
- 14:00 – 14:20** **Presentation**
Introduction of Ghanaian food systems by Assoc. Prof. [Joseph Kofi Teye](#) and Prof. [Joseph Awetori Yaro](#) of University of Ghana.
- 14:20 – 14:30** **Q&A**
- 14:30 – 15:00** **Panel discussion**
Reflections on sustainable inclusive food systems from Ghanaian company, NGO and policy perspectives.
Panelists, amongst others: George Abeiku Whyte of Farmer's market, Eric Zunuo Banye of [SNV Ghana](#).
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Coffee**
- 15:30 – 17:00** **Breakout sessions discussing**
Round 1 (15:30 - 16:30)
I. To what extent have you applied systemic analysis including various stakeholders for your actions and translated this into interventions focused on food systems transformation?
II. What concrete good examples and lessons learned do you have on the improvement of the impact of Ghanaian food systems on resp. nutritional, environmental, and/or socio-economic outcomes, including negotiation of trade-offs between different agriculture and food intervention outcomes?
Round 2 (16:30 - 17:00)
III. What food systems for Ghana are preferred and what policy support is needed to facilitate and scale up good practices?
IV. What action can you embed in your work yourself to catalyse sustainable inclusive food systems development in Ghana?
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Plenary feedback and wrap-up**
By facilitator Mary Ama Kudom-Agyemang
- 17:30** **Drinks** (at the Mensvic hotel)

About the Research – Practice exchange afternoon

Please see the related background document for an explanation of F&BKP food systems work and Ghanaian developments in Food and Nutrition Security.

This afternoon will be centred around the question how Ghanaian consumers can access sufficient various quality food that is in accordance with their dietary wishes and health needs, and the drivers of change (type of policy, agriculture, inclusive trade, etc.) that are needed to achieve this sustainably. Differentiation of consumers is a prerequisite for answering this question and adapting regional and local production and markets to specific needs. Participants will discuss possible directions for solutions by exchanging on various issues (local/regional/global trade, innovation, marketing, land rights, population, transport, values, -informal- markets, wages, agriculture, Foreign Direct Investments, seasonality, consumer demands, food safety, ecological food print, etc.).

First an introduction will be given on theoretical insights and deriving questions, on tensions, and implications of various food systems choices, followed by an overview of current Ghanaian food systems thinking and practices. Then a panel will exchange practical examples to deal with improving Ghanaian sustainable inclusive quality food consumption. Panelists will explain how they have applied systemic analyses and translated this into interventions on food systems transformation. Reflected will be on Ghanaian foreseen Food and Nutrition Security policy. Participants will be divided in groups to discuss good examples, what food systems are preferred and how to get policy support for good practices. By sharing knowledge and experience between different stakeholders and deepening knowledge on Food Systems Approaches (FSAs), the afternoon aims to develop recommendations on how to improve joint strategies for future-proof Ghanaian transitional FSAs.

About the organizers

The Food & Business Knowledge Platform

The Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP) is one of the five Knowledge Platforms for global development set up by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2013. Within this open and independent initiative, representatives from international networks and organizations of business, science, civil society and policy collaborate in the field of food and nutrition security. These stakeholders jointly identify relevant knowledge issues, and initiate learning and research. The Platform facilitates knowledge exchange, disseminates lessons learned, and highlights promising innovations that will contribute to local and global food security. For more information, please see: <http://knowledge4food.net/>

NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development

NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development programmes, funds and monitors innovative research on global issues, with a focus on sustainable development and poverty reduction. NWO-WOTROs research projects are realized by interdisciplinary teams of researchers from the North and South and in close collaboration with non-academic stakeholders. These partnerships yield solutions for development challenges and strengthen the bridge between research, policy and practice. For more information, please see: <https://www.nwo.nl/en>

Global Challenges Programme

In the Food & Business Global Challenges Programme (GCP) research consortia consisting of scientific and non-scientific stakeholders address international, regional and global challenges on food and nutrition security as a global public good. The objective of the GCP is to promote research-based advanced understanding of emerging key issues in global and regional food security and their impact on local food security and the role of private sector development. Inclusive business is a key theme in their research projects. Hence, they are able to share knowledge and experiences from research. Since the start of the programme in 2013, there have been four calls of the GCP. For more information, please see: <http://knowledge4food.net/research-projects/gcp-overview/>

The venue

The afternoon takes place at the [Mensvic Grad Hotel](#) Ghana. The hotel is located on 2nd Lagos avenue in East Legon, Greater Accra.

The hotel phone number is: 233-302-507406