

# Research – Practice exchange with NWO-WOTRO GCP Call3 projects

## Future food systems for Ghanaian food security



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## Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP)

### Global development Knowledge Platform for food security

- . Initiated by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2013
- . Open and Independent platforms situated in between universities, governments, NGOs and enterprises

### Connects knowledge supply and demand by facilitating knowledge brokering:

- . Knowledge Creation: Jointly (further) developing knowledge (agenda)
- . Knowledge Exchange: Synthesizing and disseminating knowledge
- . Knowledge Use: Professional learning to adapt policy and practices

- ✚ [www.knowledge4food.net](http://www.knowledge4food.net)
- ✚ [#knowledge4food](https://twitter.com/knowledge4food)
- ✚ [@foodplatform](https://twitter.com/foodplatform)

### Activities

- Establishing learning international partnerships
- Creation of documents
- Knowledge communication & translation
- Organization of meetings and events

### Sub-themes

- Food & Stability, Inclusive Agri-Business, Nutrition, Land Governance, Horticulture, Social Entrepreneurship, Climate Smart Agriculture etc.



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## Food Systems Approach

When we look at food systems we consider **activities, actors and network** that **interact along and around whole food value chain** from growing and harvesting to processing, transporting, marketing, consumption and disposal. Not only at **local, but also at regional and international scale**. And **within social, political, cultural, technological, economic and natural contexts, influenced by rules, laws, standards, agreements and policies**. And in particular at the **trade-offs and synergies** with one another.

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## Central question for the afternoon

How can Ghanaian consumers 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?

### Directions for (aligned) solutions to exchange on

Local/regional/global: Trade, innovation, marketing, land rights, population, transport, values, -informal- markets & prices, jobs & wages, agriculture, Foreign Direct Investments, seasonality, consumer demands, food safety, ecological food print, etc.

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## Facilitator

- + **Mary Ama Kudom-Agyemang**, Environmental communication expert & journalist

## Introductions

- + **Laurens Klerkx**, Associate Professor Knowledge, Technology and Innovation, Wageningen University.
- + **Joseph Awetori Yaro**, Prof. Rural Development, University of Ghana

## Panelists

- + **George Abeiku Whyte**, CEO Farmer's market.
- + **Eric Zunuo Banye**, Sector leader Agriculture, SNV Ghana.
- + **Faustina Vimariba**, Greater Accra Regional Nutrition Officer, Ghana Health Service.

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## Questions for break out sessions

### Round 1

- + 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

- + 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?

-> *Recap your most striking insight of the break out session for the plenary*

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## Finalists

- + **Donald Houessou:** sound knowledge on the transdisciplinary approach thereby actively engaging various actors in the knowledge co-creation process
- + **Kwabena Asubonteng:** capabilities to bring together various actors, fulfilling an important bridging role between them and sustain Learning Platforms
- + **Zuhura Abdalla:** bringing together food traders and processors to tackle different challenges including post harvest food losses and sustainable management of organic waste.

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**And the winner is...**

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**The winner is...**

**KWABENA ASUBONTENG**

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## CERTIFICATE



The 2018 Award is proudly presented to  
**KWABENA ASUBONTENG**  
Agrofood Broker of the Year 2018

The winner is awarded a sum of € 2,000 for a  
knowledge activity with the F&BKP

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