



Multi-sector governance: learning from the Dutch national and international experience

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Abstract

Since the late 90's, the Dutch government has strongly supported partnering between academia, private sector, civil society, and government in a multisectoral approach ("the Dutch Diamond") to tackle major social challenges, such as food and nutrition security. The close cooperation between knowledge institutions, NGOs, companies, and governments in the Netherlands has generated many useful lessons for jointly developing and testing new social and technological models for the food system. In this session we share some examples of such multisectoral engagement initiatives, with either a focus on the food system in the Netherlands or in low-and middle-income countries. We analyse how these multisectoral engagement initiatives contribute to food system governance, using the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food systems and Nutrition as reference for recommended practice. We explore the potential to scale and/or transfer such models to other contexts to make food systems deliver on nutrition and resilience.

Program

Introduction by Arine Valstar, Co-chair of the NWGN

Case studies

- Improving the urban food environment in Ghana: a collective impact coalition by Nicole Metz, Netherlands Food Partnership
- The development of food based dietary guidelines in Ethiopia by Dr Tesfaye Hailu Bekele, Wageningen University
- An analysis of Dutch municipal approaches to combatting childhood overweight and obesity by Dr Leonie Barelds, Co-chair NWGN

Panel discussion moderated by Dr Annie Trevenen-Jones, GAIN

About the NWGN

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