Transforming Food Systems: Lessons Learned from Global and Local Experience

Feed the Future Ethiopia Growth through Nutrition Activity Webinar
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 (4:30-5:30PM - EAT)
Registration is Required for this event

The United Nations is convening a Food Systems Summit in September 2021 bringing together Heads of State, Country Delegates, Policy Officials and a range of other stakeholders. A major goal of the Summit will be the identification of strategies to effectively transform food systems to achieve many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this context, the Feed the Future Ethiopia Growth through Nutrition Activity will be hosting a webinar event on “Transforming Food Systems” on December 1, 2020. The webinar will focus on core elements of food systems, external drivers, and political economy issues that facilitate or impede important changes in food systems. Critical gaps in our knowledge regarding the tradeoffs between targets embedded in the SDGs will also be discussed. There will also be an extensive discussion of policies that can bring about dramatic changes in food systems. After the presentation, two commenters will reflect on the topic focusing on the Ethiopian context, followed by discussion of audience questions.

Speakers
• Prof. Eileen Kennedy – Professor at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

Commenters
• Dr. Kaleab Baye - Associate Professor at Center for Food Science and Nutrition, Addis Ababa University
• Dr. Namukolo Covic - Sr. Research Coordinator, IFPRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Moderator: Rahel Gizaw - Sr. Learning Advisor, Growth through Nutrition Activity, Tufts University

Please register in advance to receive webinar access.

Participants may submit questions in advance at the time of registration.

Please contact Rahel.Gizaw@Tufts.edu with any questions about this event.

For more information about the Growth through Nutrition Activity, please visit us at https://gtn-learning.org
Speaker Bio:

Eileen Kennedy, DSc

Eileen Kennedy is a former dean of the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Currently a professor at the School, Dr. Kennedy's research interests include assessing the health, nutrition, diet and food security impacts of policies and programs; nutrient density and diet diversity; and agriculture nutrition linkages. She is a member of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the UN Committee on World Food Security and former member of the UN SCN Advisory Group on Nutrition. She founded and was the first Executive Director of the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. She created the Healthy Eating Index which is used as a single summary measure of diet quality. She is currently a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Food Security and Nutrition.

Commenter Bios:

Kaleab Baye, PhD

Dr. Kaleab Baye is Associate Professor of Human Nutrition at the Center for Food Science and Nutrition, Addis Ababa University. Dr. Baye earned a PhD in Nutrition and Health from the University of Montpellier, France, a Master’s in Food Science and Nutrition, and a Bachelor’s in Chemistry from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. His research interest is on maternal and child nutrition, micronutrients, dietary intake assessment and interventions to improve diet quality. Dr. Baye is Deputy Editor of the journal Public Health Nutrition published by the Cambridge University Press. He is serving as Deputy Secretary for the Africa Region for the World Public Health Nutrition Association. He is a Fellow of the African Science Leadership Program (ASLP), founding member of the Ethiopian Young Academy of Sciences (EtYAS), and Honorary Research Fellow at Bioversity International. He is a member of several nutrition societies including the American Society of Nutrition, The Nutrition Society, the World Public Health Nutrition Association, and the Food and Nutrition Society of Ethiopia (FoNSE).

Namukolo Covic, PhD

Namukolo Covic is a Senior Research Coordinator based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She leads A4NH support to ReSAKSS to promote evidence-based policy planning and implementation in nutrition, including the promotion of best practices, mutual learning, and policy review and dialogue processes. Her other responsibilities include coordinating the Transform Nutrition Consortium research efforts in East Africa, working closely with other development partners and African Union structures on nutrition and supporting the IFPRI Africa team on policy-related nutrition research. She combines academic training in both Agriculture and Nutrition, having a BSc in Agriculture and an MSc and PHD in Nutrition. Before joining IFPRI she was a Senior Lecturer at North-West University (South Africa) and led the Food and Nutrition Security Research Programme there within the Centre of Excellence for Nutrition. She has expertise in capacity and leadership development for nutrition and has been a key member of the African Nutrition Leadership Programme (ANLP). Beside involvement in the 10 day ANLP training programme she has lead nutrition capacity strengthening activities in Zambia and Rwanda. She is the current General Secretary of The World Public Health Nutrition Association, and a council member of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies. Her research has focused on community-based micronutrient interventions related to cognitive function in children, infant and young child feeding and broader food and nutrition security aspects of sustainable diets.