

Measuring and fighting food waste to achieve SDG 12.3

Webinar: Date 9th of April 2018, 14:00-15:15 CEST

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Context:

The 10YFP is a global commitment that was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in 2012, in response to the need to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in both developed and developing countries. The **Sustainable Food Systems Programme** (SFS programme) is one out of the six existent 10YFP thematic programmes. It functions as a global action and multi-stakeholder partnership that aim to support countries and actors towards more sustainable food systems. The SFS programme focus on 5 themes, and “Reduction of food loss and waste” is one of them.

Objective:

Reduction of food waste is incorporated into the target 12.3 of the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals, which states that the globe should halve per capita food waste at the retails and consumer levels. This webinar is aimed to present some examples of efforts and initiatives that are being implemented by countries to meet target 12.3, focusing on their implementation mechanisms, success factors and main challenges in relation to both measuring and combating food waste. The webinar is also an opportunity for the SFS programme to present the work of one of its core-initiatives that provide support to countries in the combat food loss and waste.

The webinar is targeted to any institution that works with food waste, including governments, private sector, research institutes, civil society, and also financial agencies (banks, or donor agencies in the field). The audience will be able to discuss, exchange and acquire a good understanding about food waste’s issues, tools, best practices, and potential solutions to their common challenges.

Agenda	
14:00 – 14:05	Introduction by the moderator: Mr. Roberto Azofeifa - Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica
14:05 – 14:15	<p>“Delivering SDG Target 12.3 on Food Loss and Waste” – a core initiative of the 10YFP SFS programme. Mr. James Lomax, Sustainable Food Systems Programme Officer, UN Environment</p> <p>UN Environment and FAO are the official custodians of the target 12.3 of the 2030 Agenda for food waste measurement. Through this 10YFP core-initiative, both agencies have developed activities and campaigns, besides a number of technical materials to support countries to measure and reduce their food waste.</p>
Country experiences	
14:15 – 14:25	<p>United States. Ms Elise Golan, Ph.D., Director for Sustainable Development, Office of the Chief Economist U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> <p>In 2015, the United States embraced SDG 12.3 by setting its own national goal to reduce food loss and waste by 50 percent by 2030. The country has a number of innovative policies to support achieving this goal, including national legislation providing tax benefits and liability protection businesses or organizations that donate excess wholesome food.</p>
14:25 – 14:35	Colombia. Ms. Lucero Cobos-Becerra, Dr.-Eng, International Consultant.

	<p>In 2016, the Government of Colombia developed the first food loss and waste (FLW) study, where it was found that from the total food produced 22% is lost and 12% is wasted. As a result, the Intersectoral Commission for National Food Security developed a national guideline for FLW which proposes an articulated operational framework among policies and actions at the regional, departmental and municipal levels.</p>
14:35 – 14:45	<p>Netherlands. Daniëlle Kretz, Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality</p> <p>To achieve the SDG-target 12.3, the Dutch government formed a coalition of a large number of companies, social organizations, knowledge institutions and the government. Together this coalition implements campaigns and initiatives to structurally reduce waste. The objective is to develop an ecosystem of solutions, to realize a positive economic, ecological and social impact in order to achieve a better and circular food system.</p>
14:45 – 14:55	<p>Brazil. Ms. Kathelen Machado, General Coordinator for Food Security and Nutrition, Secretariat of Food Security and Nutrition.</p> <p>In 2017, the Brazilian government created a Technical Committee on Food Loss and Waste within the Interministerial Chamber of Food and Nutrition Security (CAISAN) whose main objective is to elaborate the Inter-Sectoral Strategy for the Prevention and Reduction of Losses and Food Waste in Brazil. This policy and effort is also aligned with the National System of Food Security and Nutrition.</p>
14:55 – 15:15	<p>Discussions and closing</p>