

# Working Group 4

## Sustainable and Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains

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### Languages

English

### Chairs:

*Pascal Liu*, Senior Economist and Lead, Responsible Global Value Chains, Markets and Trade Division, FAO

### Objective

The working groups are invited to collect and discuss challenges and best practices in order to draw up recommendations for CFS uptake, civil-society and private sector stakeholders and policy makers.

### Thematic introduction

How can regional and global value chains in the agri-food sector be shaped to protect the right to food, especially in times of climate crisis and ever scarcer natural resources, and to meet the requirements for sustainable climate-smart development? International instruments such as the OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains provide specific guidance for action. Based on positive examples of sustainable agricultural supply chains, the aim will be to identify success factors and obstacles and to answer the question as to what measures should be strengthened or introduced to ensure that human rights in agricultural supply chains are respected? It will also be discussed what influence new unilateral regimes, particularly those of the EU, are expected to have on the right to food. What role can certification schemes such as the Food Security Standard (FSS) play? Recommendations for the agri-food sector will then be derived from this

### Timeline:

**Monday, 23 June 2025**

### Working Group Session 1

**2.00 p.m. Introduction by Chair**

**2.10 p.m. Presentation Project/Approach No 1**

Food Security Standard (FSS)

Meo Carbon Solutions and Welthungerhilfe, BMEL-Project

Presented by: *Dr. Rafaël Schneider*, Coordinator Food Security Standard – Deputy Head Policy Department Welthungerhilfe/FSS

**2.30 p.m. Input Business**

**2.35 p.m. Input Stakeholder**

**2.40 p.m. Questions and Discussion**

*Mr. Manoj K. Menon*, Executive Director, International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA), India

**2.40 p.m. Questions and Discussion**

**3.30 p.m. Coffee Break**

## Working Group Session 2

**4.00 p.m. Introduction by Chair**

**4.05 p.m. Presentation Project/Approach No 2**

Policy approach to strengthen local supply chains in Brazil.

Presented by: *Isabel Alvarez* Vispo, Urgenci (TPC)

**4.25 p.m. Questions and Discussion**

**5.30 p.m. End**

### Format:

The discussion will take place under the Chatham House Rule (<https://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chatham-house-rule>). A free-flowing style of discussion is encouraged. Interventions can be based on the guiding questions below, or questions and comments raised in other participants' interventions. Participants can make their inputs freely, bringing in their experiences and recommendations. Please note that the working groups meant to be in exchange mode and not in negotiation mode. Comments of participants are documented on white cards and will be put on pin boards that will be exhibited in the dining hall. Dr. Jan Henke, Director, Meo Carbon Solutions and ISCC, will present a short summary of the Working Group in the first panel discussion on the next day.

### Guiding questions

- Which challenges hamper the realisation of the right to food?
- Which solutions and best practices have proven successful?
- Which recommendations can be identified for 1) stakeholders and 2) politics and 3) for the CFS uptake?

## Tuesday, 24 June 2025

### World Café from 2.00-5.00 p.m.

On the second day of the conference, we would like to give all participants the opportunity to discuss the subjects of the other working groups. There will be discussions taking place in small groups of 4 to 10 people at round tables. For each working group we have allocated a discussion round of about 30 minutes.

### Guiding questions for these discussions are

- What messages may be missing?
- Are there different points of view?
- Are there links to the results of the other working groups?
- How can we cooperate better to realise the right to food?
- Which recommendations can be identified for 1) stakeholders and 2) politics and 3) for the CFS uptake?

Participants are invited to document their reaction on cards during the sessions. Each Working Group has its own card colour. The cards will be put on the pin boards in the dining hall after each round. Dr. Jan Henke, Director, Meo Carbon Solutions and ISCC, will present a short summary of the World Café on their subjects in the first panel discussion on the next day. Together with the results from the working groups, these will be part of the conference report to be compiled by conference organisers.