

Food Trade, Food Security and the SDGs

ALIGNING REALITY WITH THE VISION

EVENT DETAILS

22 April

13:00-14:30

Room VIII, Palais des Nations

Register: www.unrisd.org/events

In addition to SDG2, which aims to end hunger, food security and food trade have implications for other goals related to energy, equity and global partnerships. But there would seem to be some disconnect between the vision of the SDGs and the current global food trade architecture.

Sophia Murphy will discuss

- whether countries can create and enforce trade rules that respect other global commitments to sustainable and inclusive human well-being,
- how the international community can rebuild confidence in international food markets and the rules that govern them, and
- how governments should reform multilateral trade rules to limit future risks to food security while ensuring everybody's food needs are met in a sustainable way.

Susan Mathews will bring another perspective to the discussion of trade from a social development and human rights angle. She will explain why and how OHCHR is engaging on trade as a human rights issue, highlight some lessons learned from past experiences with human rights impact assessments of trade agreements, and describe current efforts to initiate a human rights impact assessment of the Continental Free Trade area agreement in Africa, focusing on agriculture, including food security and livelihoods, as well as employment.

SPEAKERS

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