



Sustainable food systems: operationalizing the approach



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This course is part of a series of three e-learning courses on sustainable food systems (SFS), designed to equip you with the knowledge and tools required to apply systems thinking to complex food systems challenges in an integrated manner.

The course series highlights how systems thinking, and taking a sustainable food systems approach, can help to significantly improve our work in project and policy design for sustainable food systems development and transformation.

This third course in the series explains how to apply systems thinking to sustainable food systems development. It presents current and emerging operational approaches to food systems development, and a framework for holistic food systems policy-making and implementation.



1 hour and 30 minutes



Available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Russian

You will learn about

- How to apply systems thinking to sustainable food systems development.
- Leverage points and binding constraints in food systems.
- The four operational approaches to sustainable food systems development.
- The “collaborative framework for food systems transformation” as a tool for more holistic food systems policy-making.

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Who is the course for?

The course primarily targets development practitioners and policy-makers working on the development of sustainable food systems. It will also benefit those interested in learning more about food systems and how to develop sustainable food systems, such as:

- Farmer representatives.
- Support services providers.
- Consumers.
- Agribusiness representatives.
- Development practitioners.
- Government policy-makers.

Key partners

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