



**Regional Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Lifestyles
Focusing on Food**

**INNOVATION AND CONNECTIVITY
THROUGH FARM TO FORK FOR
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
AND HEALTHIER SOCIETY**

13 November 2020, Friday | 15.00 hrs
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BACKGROUND

Our world is rapidly changing. Increasing food consumption by a growing population, together with changing dietary habits, poses an immense challenge for the global food system. A crucial question is how to meet the increasing demand for food and provide healthy diets for all for the decades to come without undermining the earth's resources and crossing planetary boundaries, beyond which the prospects for humanity may be threatened.

The world's population has increased by two billion during the last 25 years and is projected to reach 8.5 billion by 2030 and 9.8 billion in 2050 (United Nations World Population Division 2017). The Millennium Development Goals contributed to a fall in the percentage of undernourished people from 23.3% in 1990–1992 to 12.9% in 2014–2016. Still, there remain more than 800 million undernourished persons in the world, and the absolute numbers are increasing. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have the ambition not only to end poverty and hunger by 2030 but also to ensure that “all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”. This puts a focus on all aspects of the food systems from farm to fork, especially at a time when we are facing a pandemic of our generation that has hit hard to the food supply chain.

Case Study: A report of the EC FOOD 2030 Independent Expert group outlines an agenda for a climate-smart and sustainable food systems for a healthy Europe. The report is focused on four key areas: Nutrition for sustainable and healthy diets, climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems, circularity and resource efficiency of food systems and innovation & empowerment of communities. This relevant case study provides following approaches for a sustainable lifestyle focusing on Food Systems.

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 15.00-15.10 **Welcome and Introduction Session**
Ms. Tunnie Srisakulchairak
*Programme Management Officer,
SWITCH-Asia RPAC*
Ms. Garrette Clark
Sustainable Lifestyles Programme Officer, UNEP
- 15.10-15.30 **Innovation and Connectivity Through Farm to Fork for Sustainable Food Systems and Healthier Society**
Prof. Anil Kumar Anal
*Professor, School of Environment,
Resources and Development, AIT*
- 15.30-16.00 **Panel Discussion: Sustainable Lifestyles as Solutions to Tackle Impacts from COVID-19 and Beyond**
Prof. Anil Kumar Anal
Moderator
Prof. Sylvie Avallone
Montpellier SupAgro, France
Dr. Nongnuch Poolsawad
*Researcher, National Science and Technology
Development Agency (NSTDA)*
Dr. William Wyn Ellis
Executive Director, Sustainable Rice platforms
- 16.00-16.10 **Launch the Little book of Green Nudges**
Mari Nishimura
Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP
Assoc.Prof. Dr. Kitikorn Charmondusit
*Vice President for Environment and Sustainable
Development, Mahidol University*
- 16.10-16.40 **Open Discussion and Q&A from Participants**
Prof. Anil Kumar Anal
Moderator
- 16.40-16.50 **Final Remarks**
Prof. Anil Kumar Anal
Prof. Sylvie Avallone
Dr. Nongnuch Poolsawad
Dr. William Wyn Ellis
- 16.50-16.55 **Conclusion and Closing Remarks**
Ms. Tunnie Srisakulchairak

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Prof. Anil Kumar Anal

Professor, School of Environment, Resources and Development, AIT

Dr. Anil Kumar Anal is a Professor and Head of the Department of Food Agriculture and Bioresources at the Asian Institute of Technology

(AIT), Thailand. His background expertise is in the Food and Nutrition Security, Food Safety, Food and Bioprocessing and Preservation, and Bioeconomy. Prof. Anil has authored 10 patents (US, World Patents, EU, Canadian and Indian); more than 130 referred international journal articles, 30 book chapters, one authored book, 5 edited books, and several in international conference proceedings. He has been invited as Keynote Speaker and Expert in various Food, Biotechnology, Agro-Industrial Processing, and Veterinary as well as Life Sciences based conferences and workshops organized by national, regional, and international agencies. Prof. Anil has experience in conducting various innovative research and product developments funded by various donor agencies, including European Union, FAO, Government Agencies, CTCN, USAID, and many others.



Ms. Garrette Clark

Sustainable Lifestyles Programme Officer, UNEP

Garrette Clark is the Sustainable Lifestyles Programme Officer, in the Economics Division of the UN Environment Programme in Paris. With a sustainability career spanning over 30 years, her expertise lies in

promoting how we can live better and lighter – technically referred to as ‘sustainable consumption and production.’ Her team runs research on evolving sustainability trends, develops methodologies to support disruptive change (e.g., sustainable product design, eco-innovation) and engages partners, including new wild cards like, youth, social media platforms and cultural influencers. She now leads UN Environment’s work to support a shift to more sustainable lifestyles which promotes better living through how we eat, move, live, buy stuff and handle our money. She has a Masters degree from Goldman School of Public Policy (University of California, Berkeley).



Ms. Tunnie Srisakulchairak

Programme Management Officer, SWITCH-Asia RPAC

Ms. Tunnie has over 10 years of professional experience as a project manager at UNEP regional office for Asia and the Pacific. Prior to

this, she worked as programme specialist in Asian Institute of Technology to promote linkages between science and policy and enhance multi-stakeholders participation in scientific assessment and policy recommendation process. She successfully manages key projects on climate adaptation and mitigation as well as Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). She has experiences in engaging with national governments into the policy dialogue and implementing activities on the ground especially in term of capacity building, raising awareness and policy advocacy in the region, especially governments in Southeast Asia.



Prof. Sylvie Avallone

Montpellier SupAgro, France

Dr. Sylvie Avallone is a Professor at the Institut Agro and Deputy Director of the Institute for Higher Education in Tropical Agri-Food Sciences. She is a member of the scientific committee of the UNESCO

Chair “World Food Systems” and researcher of the Joint Unit Research “QualiSud”. She has extensive experience of research on the capacity of natural resources, traditional recipes and fortified food to improve micronutrient status of vulnerable population. She has worked with various types of food systems stakeholders, such as Non-Governmental Organizations, UNICEF, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition and the private sector. She holds a PhD in Food Sciences and has published a number of papers in peer reviewed journals in the field of food quality within the supply chain. Ms Avallone is involved in European projects to strengthen Universities in their capacity to address sustainability issues and particularly food quality and food sector development.

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Researcher, National Science and Technology, Development Agency (NSTDA)

Dr. Nongnuch Poolsawad is a Researcher at the Technology and Informatics Institute for Sustainability (TIIS), National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA). Prior to this, she was a Researcher at the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Laboratory, Environment Research Group under the National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC), NSTDA. As a member of the Intelligent Systems (IS) research group focusing on data mining, she is particularly interested in predictive modelling and complex data handling. Her study and research focuses on the development of effective model and selection method to improve the prediction accuracy based on understandings of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) data and modelling in Agriculture & Food, Building Materials and Construction, Consumption and Behaviour, and Lifestyle in promoting BCG Economy.



Ms. Mari Nishimura

Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP

Ms. Mari Nishimura works at UNEP HQ in Nairobi, Kenya. She leads the work on Behavioural Changes on Campus and Green Jobs for Youth. Previously, she worked closely on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG 12) in Paris, NY and Panama City.

Before joining UNEP, she was in public policy and advisory role covering the EU regulation on Fluorinated gas and the Montreal Protocol.



Dr. William Wyn Ellis

Executive Director, Sustainable Rice platforms

Dr. Wyn Ellis is Executive Director of the Sustainable Rice Platform, a global multi-stakeholder partnership comprising over 100 institutional members, convened by UN Environment and the International Rice Research Institute, together with private sector, research and civil society partners. SRP works towards rice sector transformation through wide-scale adoption of climate-smart, sustainable best practices by rice smallholders.

Dr Ellis has spent the past 33 years in Asia, advising on agricultural development and agro-innovation with UN agencies, ADB, GIZ, private companies, governments, universities, NGOs and industry bodies. He holds a Ph.D. from Chulalongkorn University, an M.Sc. from the University of Reading and M.A. and B.A. degrees from Oxford University.



Assoc. Prof, Dr. Kitikorn Charmondusit

Vice President for Environment and Sustainable Development, Mahidol University

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kitikorn Charmondusit received PhD. in Chemical Technology from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand including Post-doctoral fellow in Chemical Engineering from University of Waterloo, Canada. He has been an Associate Professor in Environmental Science and Technology, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University. He is the founder president of Sustainable University Network of Thailand (SUN Thailand). Currently he has been serving as Vice President for Environment and Sustainable Development of Mahidol University.

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