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# Nutrition for Food Sovereignty: Building Climate Resilient Food Systems

## Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

Dates: February 23, 10:45-12:00 GMT+7

Meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84764616351>

### Organizer(s)

Young Women in Sustainable Development

### Co-organizer(s)

NA

### Registration

To register for this side event, please use the registration link [here](#).

### Background

We are currently living in a world of multiple crises with an estimated 149 million children (1 out of 5) chronically malnourished. Asia-Pacific is home to well over half of all the people worldwide who do not obtain sufficient dietary intake to maintain normal, active, healthy lives. Children, in particular, continue to face different levels of severe and chronic food and nutrition insecurity.

In line with the theme of the 11th APFSD, which focuses on reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty during times of multiple crises, and aligning with this APFSD's emphasis on SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production) and 13 (Climate Action) among others, this side event will examine the critical challenges faced by children and young people in understanding and achieving food security and food systems transformations.



This capacity-building side event will empower young people with the knowledge and skills they need to make decisions that drive agri-food systems transformation towards food sovereignty for all and climate resilience.

## Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. What are some of the key challenges to achieving food sovereignty?
2. What can individuals and communities do to promote food sovereignty and support the achievement of SDG goals 3,12 and 13?
2. How does nutrition awareness ensure climate-resilient food systems?
3. How can the youth of a nation contribute to food sovereignty and agri-food systems' transformation to accelerate climate action?

Our food science expert panellists aim to draw attention to some of the key challenges to achieving food sovereignty. In doing so, they will highlight what individuals and communities can do to promote food sovereignty and support the achievement of SDG goals 3,12 and 13. They will also focus on how national nutrition policies and awareness can drive climate-resilient food systems in the Asia-Pacific region. By the session's conclusion, participants understand the feasible ways they can contribute to food sovereignty and agri-food systems' transformation to accelerate climate resilience.

## Programme

Ria Das	Briefing and introduction	<b>5 min</b> <b>10:45 – 10:50</b>
<b>Interactive discussion &amp; icebreaker poll (Fawziyya Zak)</b>		5 min 10:50-10:55
<b>Speakers</b>		
Ashura Salim	Food sovereignty	20 mins 10:55 – 11:15
Q&A	Q&A	5 min 11:15 – 11:20

Sheba Sunny Marottickal	Climate-resilient food systems	20 mins 11:20 – 11:40
Q&A	Q&A	5 min 11:40 – 11:45
Shraddha Nair	Role of youth	10 min 11:45 – 11:55
Miss Ria Das	Final Q&A and Closing remarks	5 min 11:55 – 12:00

### Speaker information:

#### Ashura Salim-

Ashura Salim is one of the food science specialists and policy researcher within the Policy team at Young Women in Sustainable Development. She is originally from Tanzania with industry experience in food economics and finance and is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Agri-Food Economics and Trade in Poland.

#### Sheba Sunny Marottickal-

Sheba Marottickal is one of the food science specialists and social media lead within the Policy team at Young Women in Sustainable Development. She is originally from India with industry experience in food science technology, is co-founder of Quickfoodtech and is currently pursuing Danube Agrifood Master under the Erasmus Mundus Program in the Czech Republic.

#### Shraddha Nair-

Shraddha Nair is the Policy Director at Young Women in Sustainable Development and has over 5 years of industry experience in sustainability and climate action. She is a sustainability consultant by profession and has been a youth advocate for mindful consumption, sustainable food systems and climate action.

*\*As a multi-stakeholder event, the APFSD Secretariat strongly encourages the inclusion of multiple groups of stakeholders as panellists and speakers if you would like suggestions or connections to potential representatives from constituencies of the Asia-Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) or ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) please contact us at [escap-apfsd@un.org](mailto:escap-apfsd@un.org).*

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