

Agrofood supply chain efficiency for food & nutrition security

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Side event by: Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP) and Postharvest Network (PHN)

What we need to know: how to enhance the agrofood supply chain efficiency for food & nutrition security

Session

Recently within the F&BKP research has been conducted on relations between the reduction of post-harvest losses and food security. The main conclusion of this study is that reducing the wastage issue cannot be solved in a single stroke. Interventions, although important, often do not make a significant contribution on their own, but can do so when embedded in a broader and integrated value chain or food system approach with an eye on context specific circumstances. This valuable insight has practical implications for solutions to reduce losses and improve food security; When food losses occur in a supply chain, there is not one single problem owner to address. A typical supply chain involves several actors without one actor being responsible for the total supply chain. So how to change the supply chain in order to reduce losses and improve food security? What makes one of the involved actors move? What kind of instruments are needed?

A discussion with the audience will focus on these questions and on identifying the kind of interventions that might work when improving a food supply chain. Also the need to develop an international Community of Practice on (knowledge for) interventions for value chain improvement will be discussed.

Program

- Introduction
 - Food & Business Knowledge Platform: Lessons on the reduction of wastage and the improvement of food security in developing countries
 - Postharvest Network: The PHN approach to improve postharvest supply chains in developing and emerging countries
- Various experiences and opportunities in enhancing supply chains in the Netherlands and developing countries
- Discussion on opportunities in enhancing supply chains in developing and emerging countries

About the Food & Business Knowledge Platform

The Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP) is an open Platform in which various actors from government, academia, businesses and organisations together develop a funded knowledge agenda for food and nutrition security by conducting and disseminating knowledge in this field. The Platform is initiated by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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About the Postharvest Network

The Postharvest Network (PHN) wants to reduce postharvest losses in the agrofood supply chain, by applying practical solutions and knowledge from Dutch companies, research institutes and governments. The Postharvest Network is a collaboration of Dutch companies, research institutes and governments. The Postharvest Network is an initiative of the Dutch Ministries of Economic Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

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