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“Global food security and food safety:
The role of universities”

Food and Nutrition Security: the Need for Science Based Coherent Policies and Actions

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Abstract

The United Nations declared the period 2016–2025 the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition. This means the world has been given a period of 10 years to intensify policies, programming and actions to achieve the global nutrition targets as well as accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During my presentation I will explain the need for policy coherence for nutrition and how the UN SCN works to achieve this, as well as give examples of gaps in knowledge where universities and research programmes could play a role to help address knowledge gaps, specifically when it concerns transdisciplinary research. I will also provide examples of how scientific knowledge helps to shape policy discussion.

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