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## Leveraging human rights-based action towards equitable food systems

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### Abstract

The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) is committed to promote the transformation towards resilient and rights-based food systems globally.

Strengthening the realisation of the right to adequate food, BMEL established several funding instruments of global reach, such as the “Research Cooperation for Global Food Security and Nutrition”. Through this instrument, practice oriented trans- and interdisciplinary research projects contribute to improving global food security and nutrition, with a particular focus on small-scale farmers in the target regions Sub-Sahara Africa, South and Southeast Asia. The projects co-create needs-oriented knowledge and strengthen local capacities while also elaborating inputs for policy makers and promoting the interaction between relevant actor groups. The Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) acts as project executing agency.

In addition, the human right to adequate food guides the engagement of BMEL in the Bilateral Cooperation Programme and the Bilateral Trust Fund at the FAO.

In the BMEL-Session, the funding instruments that support a rights-based transformation of food systems will be presented and experiences shared by an expert panel. Thus, revealing recommendations to drive systemic change.

1. Mrs. Patricia Kiprono, German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL)/Center for Research and Development in Drylands (CRDD), project ‘Enhancing women’s agency in navigating changing food environments to improve child nutrition in African drylands (NaviNut)’.
2. Sarah Luisa Brand, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).
3. Dang To Kien, Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI), Vietnam, project ‘Nutrition Intervention Forecasting and Monitoring (NIFAM)’.
4. Dr. Andreas Gramzow, GFA Consulting Group GmbH.