



## Are we building Food and Nutrition sensitive landscapes?

**Date** February 28; 13-17 hr

**Venue** Freedom Lab, Plantage Middenlaan 60-62, 1018 DH Amsterdam

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### What's at stake:

Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) is a policy priority of The Netherlands. Many organisations are addressing the issue while investing in landscape approaches in parallel. There are commonalities in each domain; spatial considerations play a role in FNS dialogues, while landscape approaches fundamentally seek to improve the food security situations within landscapes. But, are we missing synergies between the two? By joining topics and dialogues, can we strengthen our approaches towards food and nutrition sensitive landscapes?

### What we do:

Natalia Estrada Cormona expert Agricultural Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services will set the scene in a key note speech addressing the issue how to build food and nutrition sensitive landscapes. We will further dive into the subject by jointly discussing selected cases from the network in an interactive setting, synthesize the findings and identify the issues that network partners might take further. A knowledge paper with the key learning will be compiled and shared on the website afterwards.

### The program:

**12.00** Network lunch

**13.00** Welcome and Network News: the latest landscape updates from the members.

**13.15** Opening session by facilitator

**13.20** Key note speech *Food and Nutrition sensitive landscapes (Natalia Estrada Cormona)*

**13.50** Introduction of the different pathways to develop Food and Nutrition Sensitive Landscapes and the cases from the network that are on the way:

- *Spar/CDI: a private sector way to Food Nutrition Sensitive landscape (South Africa).*
- *Solidaridad: Transforming palm oil dominated landscape (Honduras),*
- *Care: creating equitable and sustainable future in the Ruaha basin (Tanzania)*
- *Hivos: transformation of grain based croplands (Zambia)*

**14.15** Learning from each other in small break out groups + drinks in World café setting (*as introduction to the second round Introduction of PBL on scenario thinking in landscape planning*)

**16.00** The harvest: How to arrive at food and nutrition sensitive landscapes

**16.30** What's next: how to follow up on the learnings in

**17.00** Network drinks

### The Invitation:

Bring your 3 Key colleagues and network partners with you!

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## Background to the topic:

Food and Nutrition Security exists when all people at all times have physical, social and economic access to food, which is safe and consumed in sufficient quantity and quality to meet their dietary needs and food preferences, and is supported by an environment of adequate sanitation, health services and care, allowing for a healthy and active life (UNSCN, 2013).

This definition of the UN Standing Committee for Nutrition, (2013) has a strong rights-based component, acknowledging that access to sufficient and healthy food as well as a healthy environment is a basic human right. In practice, many food & nutrition promotion programmes focus on the consumer or 'eater' perspective, including individuals and their households while ignoring the role of the wider landscapes in which the consumers live. However, there is growing evidence that food & nutrition strategies aimed at individuals or households do not yield the desired outcomes because they single out the individuals and households from their spatial context. To overcome this difficulty a landscape approach may help.

A landscape approach to food & nutrition security places the issue of food & nutrition security in a spatial context. This, because it is at the landscape level that natural resources are managed to achieve multiple objectives in terms of food production, income generation and sustainable livelihoods. Hence it is at that level that food & nutrition security can be most strategically positioned.

One of the most important objectives to be achieved in a landscape is optimising sufficient and nutritious food for its inhabitants, in terms of access, availability, quality and affordability. Nutrition-sensitive landscapes are therefore those landscapes in which diverse types of food are sustainably produced or procured to meet human nutrient requirements, while also protecting the environment from which the foods are sourced. A better understanding of the interactions within a landscape that affect food and nutrition security across different agro-ecological zones can provide insights on how to tackle complex issues related to achieving gains in food and nutrition security while preserving the integrity of ecosystems (The Earth Institute & Bioversity, 2017).

A 'Nutrition-Sensitive Landscapes approach (NSL)' therefore considers the diverse interactions and interconnectivity within a given landscape to optimize the multiple goals of food and nutrition security, sustainable use of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity, both for human health, as well as environmental health within a specific landscape (ibid.).

But what is practically needed to arrive at food & nutrition-sensitive landscapes? What are the prerequisites, and which are the enabling factors to get there? How can we steer our landscape interventions to ensure that they contribute to food & nutrition sensitivity? What are our experiences, both positive and negative, from which we can learn and do better?

Given the fact that food & nutrition security is one of the Netherlands foreign policy priorities we have chosen this topic for our upcoming learning event. Based on our own cases (landscapes, projects or programmes proposed by network members) we will carry out a collective analysis, and learn how to contribute to food & nutrition sensitivity in the landscapes we work.

As usual, the organisers seek cases from within the network for joint analysis during the event. If you feel your case is relevant and has an interesting insight on the relationship between landscape thinking and FNS endeavours and you can submit it by February 9 the latest, please share with the secretariat at: [andre@beaglesolutions.nl](mailto:andre@beaglesolutions.nl)