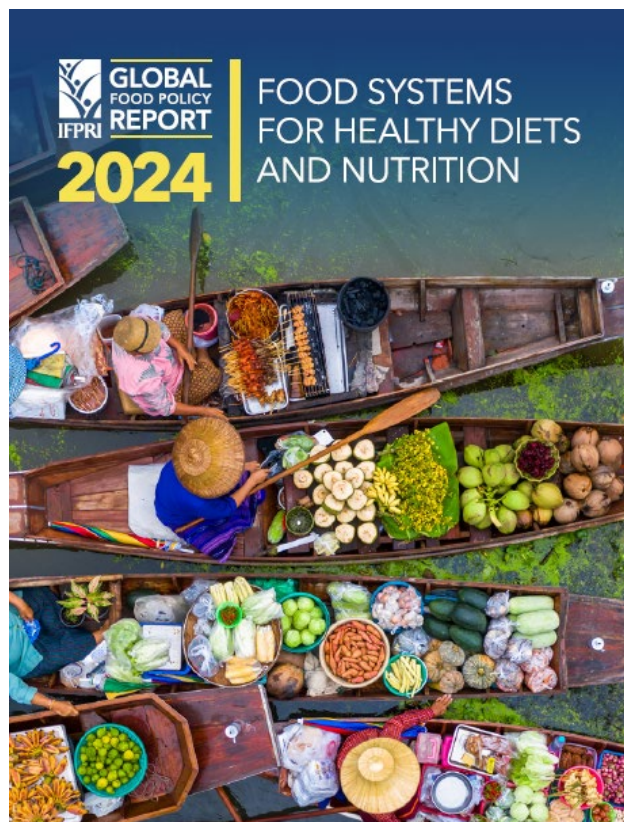


FOOD SYSTEMS FOR HEALTHY DIETS AND NUTRITION

South Asia Regional Launch of IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report

August 8-9, 2024 | 10 AM onwards (Nepal Time)
Bagmati Ballroom, Kathmandu Marriott Hotel | Online (Zoom)



About the report

Despite significant progress in addressing hunger and undernutrition in the early 2000s, malnutrition, in all its forms, remains a major challenge in all regions of the world. Unhealthy diets remain the primary drivers of many forms of malnutrition, including undernutrition, overweight and obesity, micronutrient deficiencies, and diet-related noncommunicable diseases. Today, the number of people who cannot afford a healthy diet is as high as 3.1 billion people. The imperative for meaningful solutions to help achieve better nutrition for people and a better future for the planet have never been stronger; meaningful impact will require that we deploy high-impact, evidence-based solutions in context-specific and adaptable, dynamic, and equitable ways.

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)'s 2024 Global Food Policy Report on Food Systems for Healthy Diets, presents evidence-based policy and governance solutions to strengthen diet quality and nutrition in low- and middle-income countries, and examines priorities for future research on food systems for better nutrition. Reflecting on a long history of research on diets, agriculture and food systems by IFPRI and the CGIAR, in partnership with many around the world, the report emphasizes the critical need to focus our attention on diets that promote health and well-being for both people and the planet. It examines how demand- and supply-side approaches can support healthy dietary choices, how critical it is to invest in efforts to improve affordability, and to strengthen food environments in ways that can improve diets. The report also highlights ways to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, explores the role of animal-sourced foods, and discusses the role of effective governance in achieving change. Last, but not least, the report highlights critical challenges for several regions around the world – where contextually-relevant actions must come together to deliver impact.

About the event

Following the launch and presentations of the report's key findings and recommendations, a distinguished panel of partners and experts will discuss various aspects of the theme covered in the report. Expert remarks will focus on challenges and opportunities to transform food systems in a way that the population in the region can reap the benefits of sustainable healthy diets.

Agenda

DAY 1	Time
Registration	09:30 – 10:00
INAUGURAL SESSION (Master of Ceremony: Ms. Charlotte Hebebrand, Director, Communications and Public Affairs, IFPRI)	10:00 – 11:30
Welcome Remarks	10:00 – 10:10 (5 min each)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Biswash Gauchan, Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) Dr. Shahidur Rashid, Director - South Asia, IFPRI 	
Launch of the 2024 Global Food Policy Report	10:10 – 10:15 (5 min)
Findings from the Report (Global & Regional Perspective)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Director, Food and Nutrition Policy, CGIAR and IFPRI Dr. Avinash Kishore, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI 	10:15 – 10:45 (15 min each)
Remarks by Special Guests	10:45 – 11:05 (5 mins each)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Geertrui Louwagie, Deputy Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union, Nepal Mr. Neils Blazer, Deputy Country Director at World Food Programme, Nepal Dr. Johan Swinnen, Managing Director, Systems Transformation, CGIAR, and Director General, IFPRI H.E. Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) 	
Remarks by Guest of Honor	11:05 – 11:10 (5 min)
Dr. Deepak Kumar Kharal, Secretary (Agriculture Development), Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development, Government of Nepal (TBC)	
Remarks by the Chief Guest	11:10 – 11:20 (10 min)
Hon'ble Minister Mr. Pradip Poudel, Ministry for Health & Population, Government of Nepal	
GROUP PHOTO & BREAK	11:20 – 12:00 (40 min)

<p>Session I: Supporting healthy food choices in South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent and adult diets and food choice behaviors in rural South Asia - <i>Dr. Samuel Scott, Research Fellow, IFPRI</i> • The cost and affordability of healthy diets in South Asia - <i>Dr. Derek Headey, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI*</i> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Malay Kanti Mridha, Professor, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh</i> • <i>Mr. Biraj Patnaik, Executive Director, National Foundation for India (NFI)</i> • <i>Dr. Atul Upadhyay, Nutrition Specialist (Food Systems and Fortification), UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (UNICEF-ROSA), Nepal</i> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair: <i>Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal</i></p>	<p>12:00 – 13:20</p> <p>12:00 – 12:05 (5 min)</p> <p>12:05 – 12:20 (7.5 min each)</p> <p>12:20 – 13:00 (40 min)</p> <p>13:00 – 13:10 (10 min)</p> <p>13:10 – 13:20 (10 min)</p>
<p>LUNCH</p>	<p>13:20 – 14:30 (1hr 10min)</p>
<p>Session II: Role of women across agrifood systems and food choices in South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Director, Agriculture, Rural Development and SAARC Development Fund (SDF)</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's role across the agrifood systems in South Asia - <i>Dr. Neha Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI*</i> • Role of gender in healthy food choices - <i>Dr. Yamuna Ghale, Senior Research Fellow, IIDS</i> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Uma Koirala, Professor, Tribhuvan University</i> • <i>Dr. Naomi Seville, Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Global Health, University College London (UCL)*</i> • <i>Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of National Assembly of Federal Parliament of Nepal</i> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair: <i>Mr. Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Director, Agriculture, Rural Development and SAARC Development Fund (SDF)</i></p>	<p>14:30 – 15:50</p> <p>14:30 – 14:35 (5 min)</p> <p>14:35 – 14:50 (7.5 min each)</p> <p>14:50 – 15:30 (40 min)</p> <p>15:30 – 15:40 (10 min)</p> <p>15:40 – 15:50 (10 min)</p>
<p>BREAK</p>	<p>15:50 – 16:10 (20 min)</p>

<p>Session III: Strengthening markets for healthy diets and nutrition</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman and Chief Executive, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI)</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade, consumer choices and food safety - <i>Dr. Devesh Roy, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</i> E-commerce, product labelling trends and nutrition - <i>Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)</i> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. D. B. Basnet, Chairperson-Agro Enterprise Center, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)</i> <i>Mr. Tun Lynn Aung, Director (Agriculture and Food Security Division), BIMSTEC</i> <i>Dr. Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</i> <i>Dr. Pratap S Birthal, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NIAP)</i> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair: <i>Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman and Chief Executive, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI)</i></p>	<p>16:10 – 17:30</p> <p>16:10 – 16:15 (5 min)</p> <p>16:15 – 16:30 (7.5 min each)</p> <p>16:30 – 17:10 (40 min)</p> <p>17:10 – 17:20 (10 min)</p> <p>17:20 – 17:30 (10 min)</p>
<p>END OF DAY 1 Reception Dinner</p>	<p>18:00 onwards</p>
<p>DAY 2</p>	<p>Time</p>
<p>Registration</p>	<p>09:45 – 10:15</p>
<p>Session IV: Way Forward</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Member Secretary, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Recap: <i>Dr. Avinash Kishore, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Atul Upadhyay, Nutrition Specialist (Food Systems and Fortification), UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (UNICEF-ROSA), Nepal</i> <i>Dr. Jamie Morrison, Senior Advisor, Policy and External Relations, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Bangladesh*</i> <i>Dr. Jai Das, Assistant Professor (Research), Department of Pediatrics and Child Health and Assistant Director, Institute for Global Health and Development, Aga Khan University, Pakistan</i> <i>Mr. Jason Seuc, Director, Economic Growth Office, The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Nepal</i> <i>Mr. Satheesh Moosa, Deputy Director General, Maldives Food and Drug Authority, Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives</i> <i>Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS(R), Chairman, Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee, Securities and Exchange Board of India and Chairman, Empowered Body, Doubling Farmers Income, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India</i> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair: <i>Dr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Member Secretary, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal</i></p>	<p>10:15 – 11:50</p> <p>10:15 – 10:20 (5 min)</p> <p>10:20 – 10:30 (10 min)</p> <p>10:30 – 11:30 (60 min)</p> <p>11:30 – 11:40 (10 min)</p> <p>11:40 – 11:50 (10 min)</p>

BREAK	11:50 – 12:20 (30 min)
CLOSING SESSION	12:20 – 12:50
<p>Remarks by Special Guests <i>Mr. Sanjay Wijesekera, Regional Director, UNICEF-ROSA</i> <i>Ms. Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD</i></p>	12:20 – 12:30 (5 min each)
<p>Remarks by Guest of Honor <i>Dr. Roshan Pokharel, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal</i></p>	12:30 – 12:35 (5 min)
<p>Remarks by Chief Guest <i>Hon'ble Minister Mr. Ram Nath Adhikari, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development, Government of Nepal</i></p>	12.35 – 12:45 (10 min)
<p>Vote of Thanks Dr. Mamata Pradhan, Research Coordinator, IFPRI</p>	12:45 – 12:50 (5 min)
END OF DAY 2	
Lunch	12:50 onwards