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Agenda

5’ Welcome
5’ Why these sessions
10’ Presentation
40’ Discussion/ panel incl. Q&A
5’ Poll & close

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Why these sessions?

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Dealing with Climate Change and Sustainability Targets

The innovation potential for the Irish Agri-Food Sector

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EVENT

From farm to fork: Shaping sustainable food systems

LOCATION
Dublin, Ireland & online

DATE
28 September 2023, 9:00 - 17:00 IST

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The Transition

Ambitious emission reduction targets for the agricultural sector set by the government

Requires action by farmers

Skills  Time  Finance  Training
Justice is **complex** and **multidimensional**

**6 dimensions** of justice

All must be met to address **systemic causes** of injustice
Injustice in the transition

- Lack of comprehensive vision from Government
  - Inconsistent policies and support

- Farmers labelled as “the problem”
  - Cultural exclusion

- Ambition in targets exceed political will
  - Resulting action insufficient

Capacities and Distributive

Recognitional and Cosmopolitan

Procedural and Ecological
Just transition in the Agrifood sector

How Agrifood is different:
- Transitioning relies upon primary producers implementation
- Many small and micro family businesses which will be required to change their business models
- Sector will continue to rely upon these actors
- More direct reliance upon ecosystem services

Definition: The transition refers to the process of Ireland’s current economy and society transforming in such a way that climate targets set by the Irish government are met. This process can only be deemed ‘just’ if the changes undertaken to transition to a carbon neutral economy do not replicate the structures of inequality that currently exist. In order to achieve this, the above six dimensions of justice must be met.
Sustainability without justice is merely sustained injustice

-Maria Whittaker
The Irish Agrifood Sector

- 7% employment, 6% GNI
- 37.5% of national GHG emissions; Air and water pollution
- Livestock covers 60% of total land surface and 90% of agricultural land
- Up to 90% of food produced is exported
- 29% of farmers are economically vulnerable

![Diagram showing farm viability with 26% Sustainable, 42% Viable, and 25% Vulnerable]
Framework for Interventions

Recommendations are designed to address the system from multiple angles / leverage areas

From trending challenges → opportunities to re-establish the six dimensions of justice

Result: 3 systemic intervention areas
Recommendations

Justice within carbon-neutral transition processes

Primary producers are present at the start of processes and feel agency in the process

Region-specific plans for the transition’s implementation through local representation

Citizen assemblies or local Food Councils provide fora for social dialogue across sections of society

Support is given especially to women farmers who are underrepresented
Recommendations

Local food networks connecting consumers and producers

Consumers need access to healthy produce and producers need markets for diversified crops (those not for export)

Community Supported Agriculture has multiple co-benefits: building consumer/producer relationships, mutual trust and understanding; improving social sustainability within agriculture and contributing to rural communities

Promoting local food networks can be part of a broader strategy for Rural Development in Ireland, aimed at regenerating rural communities
Empowering farmers through regenerative practice

Farmers can build knowledge-sharing platforms to exchange learnings.

Governments to support farmer groups and collectives in negotiating better price guarantees from offtakers and supermarkets.

Private actors to transition to production management contracts which reward producers based on their practices rather than yields.

Financial security debt for nature schemes, and training on sustainable practices.

Support for farmers to diversify their on-farm income through crop rotation and intercropping, and off-farm through new ventures such as agro-tourism etc.

Reposition farming as a forward looking, environmentally sustainable and economically viable profession, inspiring the next generation and promoting a culture of learning and innovation.
Into the discussion

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Close and thank you

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