

The gateway to knowledge for food and nutrition security. Connecting business, science, civil society and policy.

What is the vision of the F&BKP?

Nearly one-eighth of the world's population suffers from chronic hunger. And that number is projected to reach nine billion in 2050. Thus, the demands on land, water and climate, as well as the supply of affordable and good quality food, are growing significantly.

The Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP) seeks to facilitate a better understanding of how food systems work and how they can be strengthened. By developing a more focused knowledge agenda, the Platform aims to nourish practices and policies with solutions and business opportunities for sustainable food and nutrition security.

How does the F&BKP work?

The F&BKP is an open and independent initiative where representatives from Dutch, foreign and international networks and organizations, as well as from the business, scientific, civil society and policy communities come together. We share, critically reflect on, generate, deepen and improve (interdisciplinary) knowledge and feed practices and policies on food and nutrition security. We do so by identifying knowledge issues that are relevant now and in the future, we initiate action, learning and research, we disseminate lessons learned and we highlight promising innovations that will contribute to local and global food and nutrition security. To start, the Platform will create a research agenda and prioritize knowledge themes, such as nutrition, partnerships and food wastage.

What can you do in the F&BKP?

- ✓ Disseminate relevant research results, good practice and innovative approaches;
- ✓ Create synthesis documents, overview articles, policy papers and other [visual] materials;
- ✓ Organize [international] online or offline dare-to-share dialogues and debates;
- ✓ Develop jointly-focused knowledge and innovation strategies;
- ✓ Establish [international] learning partnerships;
- ✓ Feed policy in the field of food and nutrition security;
- ✓ Organize [international] conferences;
- ✓ Translate research results and learning experiences into practice;
- ✓ Receive assistance in exploring [national and international] research funds.

Which research funds are available?

In particular, two funds managed by NWO-WOTRO are available. The Food & Business Global Challenges Programme (GCP) and the Food & Business Applied Research Fund (ARF). See www.nwo.nl/foodandbusiness for more information. Within the Platform, you can get support on exploring (joint) research questions and, in coordination with NWO-WOTRO, disseminating research results.

International knowledge sharing – Funding opportunities
Coherent knowledge agenda – Deepen knowledge questions
Co-create innovations – Making knowledge work

Where to find the F&BKP?

The independent Office that supports the Platform is staffed by a team of knowledge brokers and support staff from Agri-ProFocus, The Broker and the Centre for Development Innovation Wageningen UR. The Platform is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is supervised by a Steering Committee of authoritative representatives from knowledge institutes, the business community, government and civil society.

Any network or organization prepared to share its knowledge and experience in this field with colleagues is welcome to join and contact the Office of the Food & Business Knowledge Platform.

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