

4w5: Governing Circular Food systems

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Demand for greater sustainability in food systems has led to increased debate on the potential for circular flows of material, information and finances. With increased circularity, it is assumed, can support more effective use of land, water and energy, carbon that can in turn lead to positive environmental and social outcomes in the production, trade and consumption of food both locally and globally. But while innovation in shaping circular material flows remain essential, so too are changes to the behaviour of social actors making up these food systems. In order for circular ambitions to be achieved new approaches for governing the practices of social actors are therefore needed throughout food systems. The five papers in this panel explore three key aspects of governing behavioural change for circular food systems. First, whose definition and understanding of circularity is reflected in the formulation of food system policy? Second, to what extent do these different perspectives reflect and/or shape the behaviour of different food system practitioners? And third, what consequences do circular policies and practices affect inclusive and equitable transformation of food systems? Based on these questions the panel will discuss the potential for shaping circular innovation in different countries and context from around the globe.

Panel discussion with:

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The role of cities in circular food systems: really closing the loop

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Learning from the Global South: different perspectives on Circular Food systems

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Mission oriented agricultural innovation systems for circular food systems

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Tackling Crises in the Countryside: An Integrative Approach to Regenerative Agriculture, Circular Agri-Food Systems, and Convivial Conservation

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Governance and Practices of Circular Food Systems: A Comparative Perspective