



Facilitating Foresight for Agri-Food Systems Change in Africa A Leaders Capacity Development Workshop

Great Rift Valley Lodge, Naivasha, Kenya
13 - 17 November 2023

[Foresight4Food](#), the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa ([FARA](#)), the African Food Fellowship Programme ([AFF](#)) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development ([IFAD](#)) are collaborating to offer a **leaders capacity development workshop on foresight for agri-food systems change**. This event is made possible by a partnership with the [Mastercard Foundation](#).

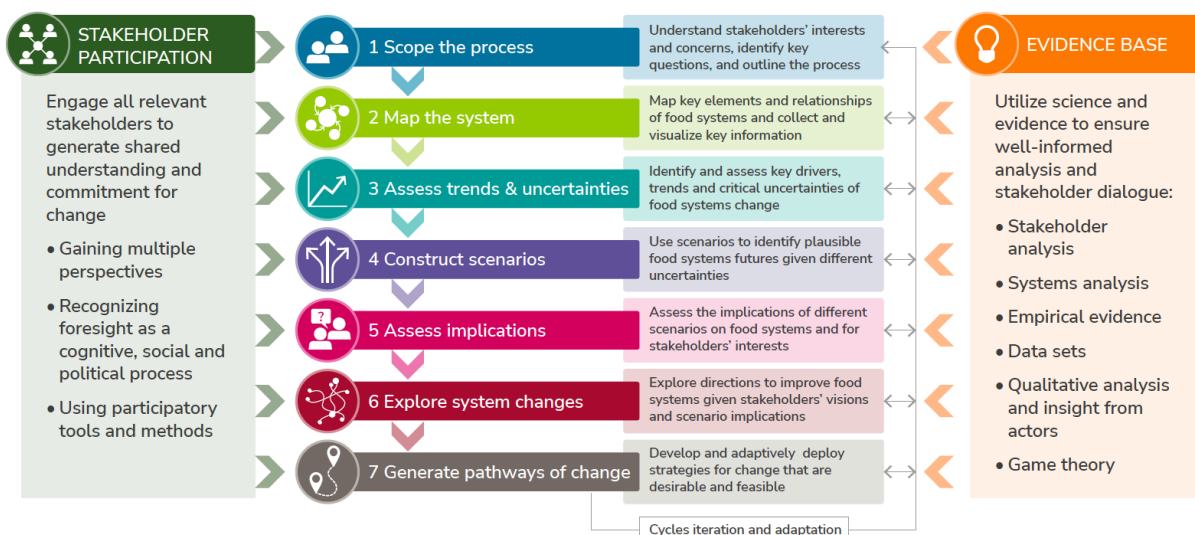
The focus is on young and emerging leaders (aged 18-35) across government, research, business and civil society interested in using foresight and scenario analysis in their organisations and fields of work. The workshop will largely focus on transforming agri-food systems but will also be relevant to those working on wider development issues. Foresight is a key tool that stakeholders in a system can jointly use to better understand future risks and opportunities, and to accelerate adaptation and learning to be more resilient. It involves anticipating future trends, uncertainties and risks, exploring solutions and innovations, and creating foresight-backed scenarios to guide transformation processes.

The workshop aims to develop a cohort and network of leaders who can apply foresight in their own working context, to help bring about transformative change for equity and sustainability.

Mastercard Foundation is funding this foresight workshop as part of a wider initiative to support foresight capabilities in African institutions. The initiative contributes to Mastercard Foundation's [strategic shifts](#) towards intentional investment in system-wide transformational change processes to better help "economically disadvantaged young people in Africa to find opportunities to move themselves, their families, and their communities out of poverty to a better life."

The Workshop Curriculum

The workshop will be based around the framework of foresight developed by Foresight4Food, and oriented to the specific context of African development issues and agri-food systems. The event is intended to equip participants with the understanding and skills to guide and or facilitate participatory foresight processes.



During the workshop participants will work through processes of mapping systems, developing future scenarios and exploring pathways for how systems change can be mobilised.

Prior to the workshop participants will be provided with background reading materials and there will be two online orientation sessions.

Programme

Run over five days and one evening, the programme will be highly interactive and focused on participants applying ideas and tools to their own context, as well as working on a case study related to the horticulture sector. As well as introducing foresight approaches and tools, the workshop will focus on how to integrate foresight into stakeholder engagement and facilitate effective participatory workshop processes.

12th November 2023

- Arrival and Welcome - evening

13th November 2023: Workshop Day One

- Official opening
- Introduction to foresight
- Exploring the challenges of transforming food systems
- Overview of foresight and scenario analysis
- Understanding and mapping food systems

14th November 2023: Workshop Day Two

- Field visit and application

15th November 2023: Workshop Day Three

- Identifying and assessing key trends and critical uncertainties in food systems
- Developing future scenarios for African food systems

16th November 2023: Workshop Day Four

- Assessing the implications of scenarios from stakeholder perspectives
- Understanding change in complex systems
- Generating pathways for food systems change

17th November 2023: Workshop Day Five

- Exploring how participants can apply foresight in their own contexts
- Generating opportunities for follow-up and ongoing peer support
- Close – mid afternoon

Workshop Participants

The workshop brings together 50 young and mid-career professionals from across Africa, with the Mastercard Foundation supporting travel and accommodation costs.

There was a strong interest in the workshop and the criteria by which participants were selected were:

- Demonstrated role in leading change on food systems or wider development issues.
- Well positioned in various networks to be champions of foresight.
- In a position to apply foresight and scenario approaches in their future work.
- Experience with participatory facilitation of workshops and training.
- Interest in and support from their organisation for gaining and using foresight approaches.
- Diversity of participants in terms of gender, country, and roles in the food system.

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