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 MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE THEMES
 

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The two-day conference is based on three topics;

1. Evidence base for healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems
2. Balancing synergies and trade-offs between SDGs
3. Governance and SDGs

In the afternoon of the second conference day a session with specific cases is organized on transformative pathways to achieve the SDGs.

Also the E-Conference and side-events form an integral part of the two-day conference.

Below more information about the conference themes, E-Conference, side events and Pathways.

Theme	Description
<b>Evidence base for healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems</b>	<p>The triple burden of malnutrition demands major changes in the food system. Food systems are considerably broader than only agriculture and food value chains. Key challenges for achieving sustainable and inclusive future food systems lie in the inclusiveness of all food system actors, sustainability in agricultural production, efficiency in food retail &amp; provisioning and nutritious &amp; healthy diets. Singular indicators do not suffice to monitor the complexity of these healthy sustainable food systems or to calculate the actual impact of actions taken. New multidisciplinary indicators, methods and approaches that provide the evidence connecting productivity, sustainability aspects and human health are key in monitoring and ultimately reaching the goals of SDG2 in partnership with SDG17. The conference shares experiences, facilitates discussions and develops partnerships for a sound evidence base for healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Identify specific needs for multi-disciplinary indicators, methods and approaches that support the development of healthy sustainable and inclusive food systems</p> <p><b>Team:</b> Simone van Vugt, Ruerd Ruben, Saskia Visser</p>
<b>Balancing synergies &amp; trade-offs between SDGs</b>	<p>The various SDGs and their targets clearly overlap and are inherently linked. Both synergies and trade-offs between SDGs can occur as a result of actions implemented to achieve one particular SDG. For example, boosting agricultural production for zero-hunger objectives (SDG2) might go at the cost of forests and biodiversity (SDG 15), climate change (SDG13) and diversity of production and diets (SDG12). Agriculture-based economic development should not leave anyone behind, enhance gender equality, promote healthy consumption and contribute to increased (agro-) biodiversity. For proper analysis of the potential synergies and trade-offs within and between SDGs, temporal and spatial scale-levels need to be taken into account. The conference therefore wishes to contribute to an understanding of how SDG2 can become well-aligned with other SDGs, whereby possible trade-offs are acknowledged and potential synergies discovered.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> findings ways to identify synergies and address trade-offs within and between SDG2 and other SDGs.</p> <p><b>Team:</b> Pieter Windmeijer, Maja Slingerland, Bas Arts, Raimon Ripoll Bosch</p>

Theme	Description
<b>Governance and SDGs</b>	<p>Policy and governance play a fundamental role in global and local food security. Today, alliances between conventional and unconventional partners can enable sustainable solutions that include multiple SDGs and help avoid adverse impacts for individuals and communities. These alliances are situated in complex institutional and policy environment of multi-sector policies. The track explores a multitude of governance approaches related to food security, sustainable development diplomacy, rights based approaches to food sovereignty, sustainable supply management and nexus approaches.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> explore new alliances for food security and showcase diversity in food governance  <b>Team:</b> Jessica de Koning, Jelle Behagel, Otto Hospes, Jessica Duncan</p>
<b>Food system transformation pathways to achieve the SDGs</b>	<p>Concerted actions to address SDG goals, targets and indicators at international level can inspire many to strive for a better future for all. Our conference will address key issues such as: enriching the evidence base for healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems, acknowledging trade-offs; the search for synergies within and among SDGs; and multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance to achieve the SDGs. In this final session we will discuss and develop food system transformation pathways towards reaching the SDGs. Our aim is to connect the aspirational nature of the goals to tangible actions and work in practice. We invite participants to present case studies in order to share their activities and partnerships to achieve the SDG targets. The audience that followed the previous three thematic tracks of this conference will be challenged to contribute to concrete cases. This might result in a one-off specific input for a particular case, further engagement with a different case after the conference and/or more generic lessons learned regarding design of and engagement in food system transformation pathways aiming to achieve SDG goals. Whatever the outcome, the challenge is to translate words and ideas into actions and to seek openings for not only science but also for the private sector, government and civil society to contribute to realisation of the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Team:</b> Maja Slingerland, Pieter Windmeijer, Ken Giller, Joost Guijt</p>
<b>Student E-conference</b>	<p>The e-conference provides a digital platform in which university students and young professionals worldwide will work in teams to enhance solutions to interconnected challenges related to Zero Hunger. By exchanging knowledge, sharing ideas and approaching these challenges from different disciplinary angles, they will gain practical experience in working with the SDGs as well as generating a network of innovative youngsters. As such, they are creating partnerships for impact.</p> <p>The conference aims to be the start of a global student movement, so that the knowledge gained on SDGs is not just utilized once, but keeps evolving and expanding via continued interaction between university students and young professionals.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Our next generations have a key role in solving the challenges of today and tomorrow. With their open-minded, bold and novel ideas, they can advise leaders in the industry, scientists and local or global institutions to think and act differently. Wageningen University &amp; Research invites youngsters to help achieve the sustainable development goals and dares them to come with solutions.</p> <p><b>Team:</b> Fenna Wielenga, Stefanie Rycken, Lara Minnaard</p>
<b>Side-events</b>	<p>Several parties have indicated an interest to organize side-events during the conference.</p>

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## MORE ABOUT THE PARALLEL SESSIONS

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The Parallel sessions consist of invited sessions and sessions selected from a call. These sessions (can) have different formats and (can) have different work forms:

<b>Presentation</b>	Speech, Video and/ or talk in which a new product, idea, or piece of work is shown and explained to an audience with a few questions to ask. A more or less one-way direction of communication, valuable to share newest insights. But also here the possibility could be to enrich the presentation with key questions and or statements.
<b>Dialogues</b>	Is a spoken (or written) conversational exchange between a group of people. It differs from a discussion where one party tries to convince others of a certain point. Dialogues are much more about exchanging views and creating respect for the various opinions and enriching the base of ideas and insights. Different opinions are valued
<b>Workshop</b>	Activity if which the various participants not just share their information but try to combine / enrich the provided information into new concepts and ideas. An interactive session working on a specific topic, combining elements of qualitative research, brainstorming and problem solving.

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MORE ABOUT THE E-CONFERENCE AND BORLAUG

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**SDG E-conference with Foodathon**

During the E-Conference young people (**students and Young Professionals**) will work on local challenges related to food systems and on the gap between knowledge and practice around the SDGs (in particular SDG2) and how to overcome.

The Youngsters (via the E-space and face-to-face) will interact with the participants of the SDG conference with specific questions.

**Borlaug Youth Institute**

The opening of the Borlaug Youth Institute Europe is scheduled to take place in June 2018; but a connection will be made with the SDG conference.

On Friday 31 August, the Borlaug Youth Institute is one of the Side events.

The young people of the Borlaug Youth Institute ([www.wur.eu/youthinstitute](http://www.wur.eu/youthinstitute)) will be given a podium on Day 2. Together with the E-Conference, focussing on students and Young Professionals, together they are 'the next generation'.

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