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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN REALIZING
SDG-2**

SDG-2 promises to “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.” An important question concerns the role of agricultural research universities within this agenda. A number of universities around the world specialize in research on and for agricultural innovation, and hence are central to the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) established to coordinate research for the SDGs. This project brings together social science researchers from within these different universities to study how they execute this role and the consequences of this for the aim to which SDG-2 is directed.

Key questions include:

- How is agricultural research in relation to SDG-2 organized within each university?
- How is this research funded? How does this shape how research is conducted?
- How does all of this influence the socio-ecological spaces surrounding the universities themselves? What types of links between university and community (private sector and civil society) actors exist? How are these network organized? How are local livelihoods and landscapes influenced by all of this?
- How is this all of this similar and/or different across the different schools and surrounding spaces? What overarching patterns exist in how agricultural universities are situated within the SDG-2 agenda?

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