



FOOD AND OUR FUTURE: Sustainable Food Systems in Southeast Asia

A MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE



International
Resource
Panel

This MOOC explores the complex relationships between the food we eat, the farmers, fishers and traders, our markets and eating habits, and the natural resources on which they depend. It is designed to inspire learners to act toward creating more environmentally sustainable and resource-smart food systems.

WHY A COURSE ON FOOD SYSTEMS?

How we manage our natural resources, our land and fresh water, our oceans, and the complex ecosystems they are part of, will play a huge role in our ability to sustainably produce enough food for our growing population. Moreover, many critical issues of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda revolve around food, food security, equitable development and livelihoods. A food systems approach goes beyond just food production to include food waste, under- and over-consumption, 'supermarketization' and the impact on the environment and its natural resources.

START:
AUGUST 2016

DURATION:
5 WEEKS

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How can food systems become more sustainable in the face of population growth, urbanization, and environmental degradation?

COURSE FEATURES

- Experts from Southeast Asia and around the world
- Discussions on critical issues and innovative solutions to complex problems
- Regional case studies
- A global network of learners and food system actors
- The only MOOC on Food Systems
- Free of charge and open to all

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Can a food systems approach help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN FROM THIS COURSE?

This course consists of a series of video lectures, readings, discussions, and case studies that will guide learners through the complexities of food systems, including the following:

- Current global and Southeast Asian trends in natural resource use
- Environmental impacts of food systems
- How a food systems approach can improve management of natural resources
- Linkages between sustainable food, health and livelihoods
- Options for policy and practice for efficient and sustainable use of natural resources

WHAT WILL LEARNERS GAIN?

After completing the course, learners will have gained a solid understanding of what food systems are, how they work, and the sustainability challenges of food production and consumption. They will be able to understand the environmental impacts of current food systems and the potential impact of future interventions in food systems. Learners will also engage with solutions-oriented thinking about sustainability challenges and be able to think innovatively to develop new approaches.

A Certificate of Participation is available to learners after they have completed the course. Learners will also have free, 24-hour access to all course materials.



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