



Enhancing the Science-Policy Interface: SHARED Inclusive Evidence Based Policies and Decision Making

A virtual training for Resilient Food Systems Country Projects



To assist Resilient Food Systems country projects, the FAO and the SHARED Decision Hub have organized a structured virtual training to build the skills of country teams to enhance **policy and institutional engagement** - using the Stakeholder Approach to Risk Informed and Evidence Based Decision Making (SHARED) framework and associated tools and methods.

This virtual training is an adaptation of the training that would have been held during the RFS Annual Knowledge and Learning Workshop that was to be hosted in Senegal in February 2020.

Background

While the Resilient Food Systems country projects work in different contexts related to resilience of sustainable agriculture development and natural resource management, all country projects include a fundamental focus on influencing institutional and policy dialogue processes and on enhancing multi-stakeholder frameworks to link state and non-state actors. If done well, these processes can support long term and successful scaling up of innovations and securing strategic investments.

The processes, methods and tools to underpin these activities and achieve successful outcomes are not straightforward. They require country project teams to implement tailored approaches. The good news is – specific tools and best practices exist to support institutional and policy dialogues and multi-stakeholder processes for sustainable agriculture and natural resources management. This training aims to equip the RFS country projects with these to apply in their work.

Who should join?

The virtual training is aimed at:

- The RFS Country project team leaders and focal points for policy and Institutional and multi-stakeholder work areas;
 - Relevant project focal points within partner government departments; and
 - Project M&E specialists and other relevant partners as appropriate to the topic.
- It is envisaged 2-5 representatives per country project to be nominated for the training.

The Training Process



To tailor the virtual training, RFS **country level consultations** will be carried out to establish priorities, trends, and existing tools and processes being used to influence policy and decision making.



Using the feedback from these country consultations a series of **two training webinars** will be facilitated. Each set of webinars will be held in both English and French meaning 4 webinars in total. These webinars will introduce a systematic approach to influencing policies and decisions using the SHARED inclusive, evidence-based process. This will entail step-by-step facilitated guidance on key tools and methods to tailor to how countries could adapt and apply these into their existing and planned project work.



Work with countries to develop **future proposed approaches, engagement methods and suggested activities** for workplans which would support countries to use applicable SHARED and existing tools to advance achieving project outcomes linked with policy, institutional and multi-stakeholder processes.

The outputs of the training process will include:

- A Resilient Food System tailored SHARED Toolkit on evidence and policy methods, integrating feedback and working sessions from the webinars.
- Based on demand, draft work plan activities will be developed for follow up with applicable RFS country projects support the achievement of project based outcomes and priorities.

Training Process Dates and Time Demand

Step in Process	Dates for Virtual Training	Time Demand for each country team
Pre-webinar engagement consultations	Taking place between June 15-30	1 hour Zoom call with each country
Cross-Country Webinar 1 + Post Webinar Assignment	English - July 14 French - July 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour Zoom Training • 1-2 hour post webinar discussion of tool application within country team
Cross-Country Webinar 2 + Post Webinar Assignment	English - July 28 French - July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour Zoom Training • 1-2 hour post webinar assignment within country team to fill in work plan template

Next steps

The SHARED team will be in touch to schedule a consultation call with Country Project Leads or Representative.