

SIANI 2023 HIGHLIGHT



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AGRI4D, September 2023 at SLU.



Dialogue with IFAD director, Dr. Alvaro Lario, October 2023.



The challenge of making science-based policy recommendations for a global food system with Prof. Jennifer Clapp, January 2023 at KSLA.

SIANI entered a new phase in 2023 and has been working towards its vision of a future where “food systems are more sustainable, rights-based and inclusive of smallholder farmers and marginalised groups.”

SIANI’s mission is to “support and promote multi-sector dialogue and action around food systems transformation” in Sweden and globally, with participation from academia, the private sector, public authorities and civil society. The network offers an open and interactive platform for exchange on global issues around food systems, agriculture and poverty reduction.

SIANI continues to be an important actor engaging actors across sectors in Sweden and globally around issues related to food systems, sustainable agriculture, and nutrition.

Summary of key achievements

Explore SIANI's main accomplishments and learn about how we have made an impact in 2023.

More than
1443
people

from academia, civil society, the private and public sectors and international organisations took part in SIANI's led or co-led activities around sustainable and inclusive food transformation.

99 313
unique users visited SIANI's webpage, 14% more than the previous year.

Newsletter subscribers and website visitors come from all over the world, including countries such as Sweden, Kenya, France, the United States, India, the Philippines, and Uganda. In 2023, SIANI has contributed to and published four publications and more than 100 online items.

137
groups submitted applications

for SIANI's call for Expert groups. Four groups were selected to amplify SIANI's reach and current topics for food systems transformation.

SIANI strengthened its long-term connections with youth, now highlighted as an important actor considering their agency for food systems transformation in SIANI's Theory of Change. SIANI continued the collaboration with organizations, for example Agripreneurship Alliance and individual youth like Naol Adugna Oli, a young entrepreneur from Ethiopia, who presented online at SIANI's seminar in Almedalen 2022. In 2023 Naol presented at SIANI's network meeting in Nairobi, which led him to re-establish contacts with WFP and to be acknowledged by the local bureau in Ethiopia that invited him to a collaboration on school meals.

Three young entrepreneurs, researchers and communicators, were invited to an intergenerational dialogue together with three senior speakers from the Government of Sweden, IFAD and FAO in a side event at the World Food Forum 2023. The event was well attended with more than 85 participants. SIANI has been an active contributor to World Food Forum since the inception and as such the network was recognized and represented in a panel session organized by FAO and the Food System Summit secretariat.



SIANI stand with WWF Sweden Youth at the Järva week, June 2023.

More than 1000 people visited SIANI's exhibition at the Järva week, most of them under the age of 35, SIANI with partners aimed to raise awareness and facilitate engagement around sustainable food systems during the week. 84 % of the participants reported in a survey with 185 people that they learned something new about sustainable food choices. 69 % said they are likely or rather likely to make changes towards a more sustainable diet.

SIANI's global members base grew from 4800 to 5233 people, *coming from more than 55 different countries in total.*

SIANI established new collaborations for an enhanced vibrant networking in Sweden with the Hunger Project, and Reformaten, whom SIANI collaborated with in events to celebrate the World Food Day on 12 October 2023, strengthening connections to younger actors in the Swedish food sector and new audiences.



The event *Utmana systemet* ("Challenge the system") was held at the Modern Museum, October 2023.



SIANI regional network meeting in Nairobi, November 2023.

SIANI strengthened its own network in Eastern Africa during the regional annual meeting in Nairobi, which also led to new connections between SIANI's members in the region.

During the Nairobi regional meeting, SIANI facilitated connections between AgriFoSe and Agripreneurship Alliance which resulted in an Erasmus+ funding proposal on capacity building in critical agricultural skills for higher education institutions in Africa. Agripreneurship Alliance is also foreseen as a potential partner if there is a new phase of AgriFoSe.

450 *participants*
from **58** *countries*

engaged at the Agri4D conference, which overall exceeded participants' expectations according to a survey sent out after the conference.

SIANI participated and organised events at key international events such as World Food Forum, the Committee for Global Food Security and World Water Week.

Members' input to the workplan

SIANI invited all participants at SIANI's annual members meeting in Stockholm to take part of the launch of SIANI 4 and to participate in round table discussions to share their ideas and insights on the question: *What role can the SIANI network play in transformation of food systems in times of crises and how can your organisation contribute?*

