

SIANI ANNUAL MEETING

How can we improve collaboration and knowledge-sharing within our network to support resilience among smallholder farmers and vulnerable communities?

ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSIONS

2025

MOST IMPORTANT IDEAS

COLLABORATE IN TURBULENT TIMES



Connect existing platforms for data, knowledge exchange and legacy preparation, as well as network-to-network and community-to-community collaboration

Support network members when needed, and adapt projects to changing circumstances for greater flexibility in crisis and emergency

TALK ABOUT THE NEW AND UNCOMFORTABLE

Create an allowing environment facilitating uncomfortable dialogues to help break silos and find synergies

Acknowledge that solutions of the future might be less technical and more political

INCLUDE MORE PEOPLE AT THE TABLE

Involve practitioners and civil society more in "Team Sweden"

Support accessibility and translation

Make sure all smallholders are reached and involved in knowledge exchange, capacity building and networks, not just the ones that are part of development projects

Meaningfully include young people in agriculture by inviting, funding, encouraging and connecting them

Link researchers, practitioners and civil society in understanding the complexities of sustainable and resilient food systems

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Produce annual learnings papers and contextual syntheses where organisations from different sectors can contribute from their respective work, and provide farmers' views of global agriculture debates

Share information about activities of members in the network



MOST INNOVATIVE IDEAS

START WITH THE FARMERS

Highlight farmer perspectives on their key challenges and experiences

Acknowledge the benefits provided by smallholder farmers, e.g. ecosystem services, community well-being and food security, by providing them monetary compensation

Host model farms that can be connected to media and academia and made publicly available

DISCOVER NEW SPACES, PARTNERS AND TOPICS

Attend both adjacent and contrasting forums

Include unconventional partners that can connect agriculture with underexplored topics and audiences, e.g. heritage museum boards for food heritage preservation

Think about long term sustainability of networks

Meet more on site, in new forums and landscapes, but also in person

Facilitate learnings events and workshops, for example on resilience, co-production and learning approaches

Explain "obvious" things

Conduct an actor mapping to enable collaboration and exchange

Practically engage academia

Collaborate with academia, municipalities and policymakers

Promote multi-network and network-to-network collaboration

Collaborate vertically

Encourage collaboration that doesn't require resources through "new" platforms, e.g. WhatsApp



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