



National Food Loss and Waste Prevention Strategies and Monitoring Approaches—an Interdisciplinary Challenge for Decision Makers, Researchers and Practice

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Dear Colleagues,

10 years are left only in order to reach the Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 aiming to halve food waste at retail and consumer levels per capita and to reduce food loss along up-stream food supply chain until 2030. Food loss and waste finally has reached global awareness and numerous activities have been implemented recently to tackle the problem on different levels of the food supply chain. Nevertheless, the quantification of food loss and waste on national level is still a challenge and suffers from data gaps. Each quantification methodology bears pros and cons which have to be counterbalanced with national legal, societal, economic and structural frameworks already in place as well as available financial resources versus expected benefit towards knowledge increase. Beside the quantification of FLW generation itself, also the setup of reliable long-time national time series, the comparison of produced data with other countries and the holistic impact assessment of implemented prevention measures or the effectiveness of prevention policies challenges decision makers, researchers and practitioners on a global scale.





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