

## Special Issue

# Perspectives on the Roles of Civil Society in Advancing Food System Transformation and Sustainable Agriculture

### Message from the Guest Editors

We welcome submissions that analyze the following:  
How civil society entities, may work to develop the public awareness and partnerships necessary to attain changes in social values and norms to secure shifts toward more sustainable food systems.

How civil society is integrating human rights in food system policy and action in and across the Global South and North.

How civil society movements and organizations can support subsistence farmers and promote improved livelihoods in the face of some challenges.

How civil society actors can partner with government or market stakeholders to drive meaningful change in prevailing food systems to ensure that these partnerships are intentionally collaborative, fair, and effective.

We welcome studies from multiple perspectives, including theoretically informed case analyses and critical examinations of the implications of the existing neoliberal frame in alternate contexts that identify practicable paths forward or more adequate theorizations for changes that will lead to more sustainable food systems. Acknowledging the multifaceted nature of this challenge, we look forward to receiving a range of contributions that address its many dimensions.

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