

G20-Initiative for research on Food Losses & Food Waste: Your expert profile, your projects

Dear Sir or Madam,

since 2012 the Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists of G20 States (MACS-G20) takes place regularly. In the framework of this board political decision-makers and leading research managers of G20 States strive for an improved coordination of national agricultural research systems and funding instruments in order to tackle most important global challenges in the agricultural & food sector jointly in the future.

Key issue of most recent MACS-G20 meeting in Izmir (Turkey) was the strengthening of transnational research co-operation regarding the reduction of Food Losses & Food Waste (FLW) in the future. Precondition for appropriate joint initiatives and potential funding schemes is (a) the identification of existing FLW knowledge and research gaps and (b) contact data of respective scientists who can be consulted when corresponding initiatives and measures will be designed.

Against this background MACS members agreed to establish a mapping tool which allows investigation of relevant FLW research & technology activities in the G20 States and beyond as well as of experts who conduct FLW research in several countries.

Hence we address you. The new web portal www.global-flw-research.org

- will serve Agricultural Chief Scientists of G20 States and their partners as investigation tool to schedule transnational focal points of FLW research and support in the future
- provides the opportunity for all FLW scientists to offer themselves with their expertise as co-operation partner in external projects and to locate eligible partners for own research activities
- will be updated and extended as a permanent FLW research database in the future.

Hence we would be grateful if you register your personal FLW expert profile as well as some key information on those FLW projects which were finalized or currently are conducted under your auspices: www.global-flw-research.org > „EXPERT&PROJECT ENTRY“

We will continue the discussion on joint future FLW research initiatives of G20 States and potential joint funding measures at the next MACS meeting on May 30th / 31st 2016 in Xi'an (China). For this purpose we will consider first mapping results; your expert profile & project data entered into the above mentioned web portal until then will be very valuable for forthcoming negotiations.

Please forward the link www.global-flw-research.org also to your colleagues and co-operation partners. The main objective of this platform is to provide a comprehensive global survey on scientists working on FLW reduction approaches and on their relevant research activities.

In case of further questions or problems while registration please contact Mr. Stefan Lange (Research Coordinator of Thünen Institute and German MACS delegate; phone +49 531 5961008, stefan.lange@thuenen.de) or Mrs. Andrea Rothe (Senior Scientist at Thünen Institute of Market Analysis, supporting www.global-flw-research.org ; phone +49 531 5965308, andrea.rothe@thuenen.de).

Thank you very much in advance!

Best regards - Stefan Lange and Andrea Rothe