

"Our food systems are broken, can small farmers help to fix them?" A panel session organised by the SALSA project team

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Abstract: *Small farms and small food businesses are confronted with a host of challenges, and, we think, they provide manifold opportunities for learning and more sustainable food systems. This interactive round table discussion builds on the previous session, also organised by the SALSA team, with several empirical research-based presentations focused on the complex relationships between small farms, markets and food and nutrition security.*

In the discussion with a 'panel' of well-known thinkers, and with all participants in this session, we want to:

- 1. deepen what we learned from the presentations on the role of small farms in the transition towards more sustainable food and nutrition security;*
- 2. 'discuss the relative importance of small farms for a more sustainable food system, and food and nutrition security, and unpack' the related challenges and opportunities;*
- 3. identify related knowledge gaps and draw out implications for further research;*
- 4. discuss the question of enabling conditions.*