

Rethinking

Food Policy Governance

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Food Secure Canada

Food Secure Canada = Réseau pour une alimentation durable

A pan-Canadian alliance of organizations and individuals working together to advance food security and food sovereignty through three inter-locking goals: zero hunger, healthy and safe food, and sustainable food systems.



Food Policy Time-line

November 2015: Mandate letter, inter-departmental meetings

June-September 2017: Food summit, Online consultations, events organized regionally, by communities, by MPs.

September: What we heard report

Soon?: Announcement of food policy



5 Big Ideas for a Better Food System



Right
to food



Healthy and
Sustainable



Sustainable
Food Systems



Food and
Reconciliation



More Voices
at the Table



What is new about this approach?

1

Multi-stakeholder partnership: industry, conventional farming, CSOs + academics, philanthropists,

2

Date to find common ground on a specific issue despite major other differences

3

Appetite for ongoing dialogue and understanding of each others viewpoints, cultures, knowledges.



Governance Recommendations

1

the creation of a National Food Policy Council as soon as possible;

2

Implementation of short-term recommendations for improving food policy governance in Canada;

3

consideration of certain longer-term options for institutional support of food policy governance.



Mandate of

National Food Policy Council

Align purpose, expertise and actions

Advise government on critical food policy issues as they emerge while ensuring departments retain independent authority over their mandates

Work to build consensus and engagement across diverse stakeholder groups and government actors

Provide research & expertise to inform government policy-making



Mandate of

National Food Policy Council

Provide regular venues for dialogue and information-sharing

Set benchmarks to independently monitor progress

Provide support to resource-constrained stakeholders

Facilitate coordination of activities, accelerate the pace of change towards the objectives of *A Food Policy for Canada*

Potentially fund projects that meet food policy goals



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Nov. 1-4, 2018

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