Rethinking
Food Policy Governance

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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

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Nov. 1-4, 2018
Montreal, Quebec
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