

Finding Common Ground Webinar

Aligning for action towards
local, sustainable food systems in BC

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The BC Food Systems Network BCFSN works to create healthy, just and sustainable food systems in British Columbia by building connections, nurturing capacity and advancing policy



Sustainable Food Systems Working Group

Vision: Thriving sustainable, local food systems that steward land and water, providing healthy food for all British Columbians

Goal: To foster healthy, resilient food systems in regions across the province, in ways that benefit communities, individuals, ecosystems, and local and provincial economies



Finding Common Ground

Why 'finding common ground'?

Why 'aligning for action towards local, sustainable food systems'?



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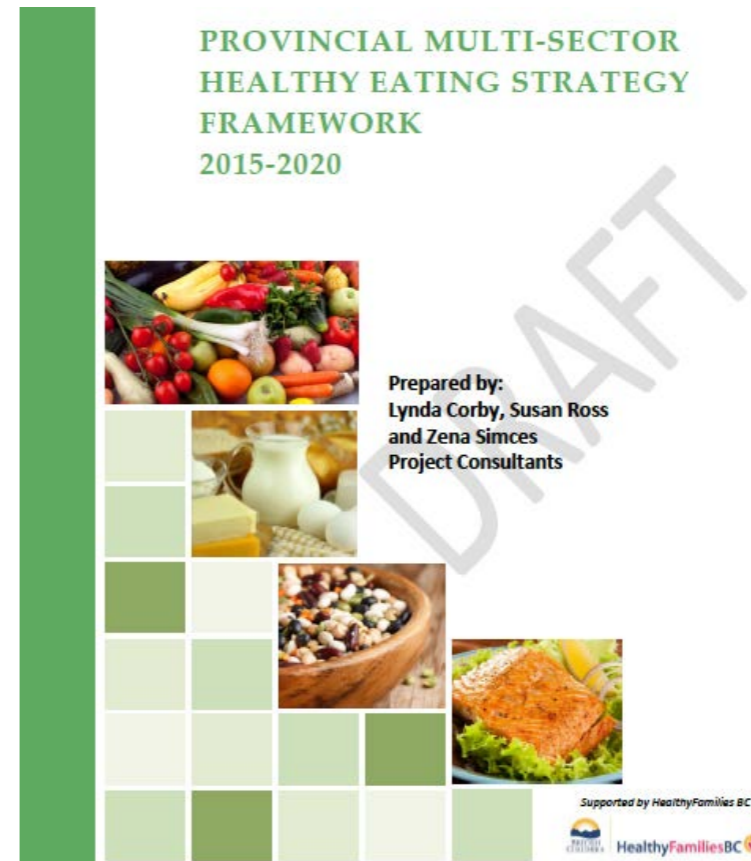
No one sector can do it alone; we need industry, non-governmental organizations, academics, funders *and governments* to row together towards shared goals



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and not just the Ministry of Agriculture



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5.5 Attachment 1

Regional Food System Action Plan - Draft



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Aligning for Action

Challenges and opportunities facing the sector:

- Achieving economic growth
- Adapting to climate change
- Maintaining a secure food supply



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Actions to “Increase Production”

1. Identify options for increasing and intensifying production on unused or underutilized land

3.II Identify and implement opportunities to support the success of new entrants, youth and First Nations in the agrifood and seafood sector, including succession planning



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Actions to “Build Markets”

14. Encourage the development and adoption of buy local policies for food retail, food services, and public sector institutions

16. Support access to retail for local producers and processors, including commercial kitchen space, cold chains and distribution necessities



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Summit Focus Areas

- Increasing production through protecting and increasing access to agricultural land
- Training and support for new entrants
- Building domestic markets through institutional procurement and local value chains



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How can we more effectively align and integrate the activities of governments (and ministries and agencies), industry, NGOs, funders, academics and citizens towards local, sustainable food systems that ensure thriving local economies and the security of the food supply in the face of climate change ?



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How can we work together more effectively across regions, recognizing regional differences and leveraging local expertise?

How can we also make greater connections to and support collective action towards health, equity and Indigenous food sovereignty?



Thank you for your time and attention!

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