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## MiFOOD WS2 Configuration Workshop:

### **Migrant Precarity and Urban Food in the Global South**

**8:30am-11:40am, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (ET)**

The MiFOOD Network and the IMRC welcome your participation in the MiFOOD WS2 Configuration Workshop on "Migrant Precarity and Urban Food in the Global South". This workshop brings together esteemed and early-career scholars to discuss research plans focusing on Workstream 2 of the MiFOOD project—specifically, the role of migrants in transforming urban food chains. Researchers will engage in a comprehensive exploration of the interplay between migration, informality, gender, and food security. Spanning geographical regions including Asia, Latin America and Africa, the sessions will cover diverse topics: the links between migration and food security, the role of migrants in urban food systems, the impact of COVID-19 on women informal food vendors, and various other facets of food environments in the Global South. The purpose of this workshop is to contribute scholarly perspectives on the complex challenges surrounding migrant precarity and food systems in the Global South. It aims to foster the generation of new research ideas through mutual learning, and provide opportunities for comparative, interdisciplinary, and collaborative studies within and beyond the MiFOOD network.

#### **Session 1: Asia**

8:30-9:30

Chair: Zhenzhong Si (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

- S. Irudaya Rajan (IIMAD, India). “Food Security and the Kerala Migration Survey”.
- Sujata Ramachandran (BSIA, Canada). ““Little Pockets of Happiness’: Nepali Migrants and Momos Informal Enterprises in New Delhi, India”.
- Huiguang Chen (Nanjing Agricultural University, China). “Understanding the Reciprocal Links Between Migration and Food Security in Nanjing and the Nearby Changzhou Cities, China”.
- Taiyang Zhong (Nanjing University, China). “Role of Migrants in Urban Food Retailing: Focusing on Vendors and Takeaway Riders”.

#### **Session 2: Latin America**

9:30-10:00

Chair: Sujata Ramachandran (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

- Tiana Hayden (El Colegio de México), Fernanda Vazquez (Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico). “The Role of (Transit) Migrants in Urban Food Systems in Three Mexican Cities”.
- Mercedes Eguiguren (BSIA, Canada). “Beyond Informality: Migrants in the Popular Food Economy in Quito”.

### **Break**

10:00-10:10

### **Session 3: Africa 1**

10:10-10:55

Chair: Andrea Brown (Wilfrid Laurier University)

- Sam Owuor (University of Nairobi, Kenya). “The Impact of COVID-19 on Women Informal Food Vendors in Nairobi’s Informal Settlements.”
- Elizabeth Onyango (University of Alberta, Canada). “A Gendered Analysis of the Role of Women-led Informal Food Businesses in Urban Household Food Security and Wellbeing of Urban Dwellers Kisumu City, Kenya.”
- Cherie Enns (University of the Fraser Valley, Canada). “Urban South Sudanese Refugees: Opportunities and Constraints Related to Food Supply Chains in Nairobi and Nakuru Kenya.”

### **Session 4: Africa 2**

10:55-11:25

Chair: Zack Ahmed (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

- Sean Sithole (University of the Western Cape, South Africa). “Urban Transformation, African Migrants and the Informal Food System in Cape Town”.
- Bernard Owusu (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada). “Examining the Meat Food Value Chain and Food System in Accra, Ghana”.

11:25 Concluding Remarks