



## ***FSN Network Task Forces and Interest Groups***

The FSN Network has been working to foster several mechanisms for innovation and knowledge sharing, cross-organizational collaboration and consensus building. The Network's Global Task Forces and Interest Groups allow teams of individuals from multiple organizations to contribute to further development and understanding of a technical or cross-cutting topic.

***Global Task Forces:*** These groups enable members from around the world to directly contribute their expertise in continuing discussions on **development and adaptation of crucial information, tools, and methods that are responsive to stakeholder needs.**

***Interest Groups:*** These groups allow field-based practitioners to join together using remote technology to **share experiences, seek recommendations, and strengthen capacity** in cross-cutting and emerging implementation areas.

***The two groups link with one another to ensure that the work of the global task forces is truly responsive to field needs and that regional interest groups have access to the latest in technical information and updates.***

Task forces and interest groups are inclusive, stakeholder-driven and field-oriented. They are a venue for professionals to collectively generate ideas, create new knowledge and understanding, and craft responses to challenges and opportunities that can increase the effectiveness and impact of food security programming.

### ***Why join a task force or interest group?***

- A wider network of links to the realities of the field—discerning trends, learning from other efforts.
- Participation in the development of state-of-the-art tools, practices, and strategies.
- A wide array of learning, dissemination and leadership opportunities.
- Connections to academics, advocates, donors and others.
- Membership in an intimate community of practice which brings networking, mentoring, peer support, information exchange, and creativity.
- Opportunity to showcase one's organization and its accomplishments.

### ***How do I join a task force or interest group?***

To view current task forces and interest groups and request to join, visit our collaborative **web portal**, [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org). The web portal features work spaces for technical task forces and interest groups, discussion forums by technical interest area and a comprehensive resource library of community information, tools, and methodologies. We will welcome your submission of tools, guides and other resources, news of events, trainings and project updates, and your participation in online discussions.