



MEMBERS CHARTER

Basis values and principles of the Association

The IFWC is a collaborative farm-to-plate approach to reduce food loss and waste (FLW) throughout the food services Value Chain. It's a non-profit international association under Belgium law.

Statement of Commitment

We understand and agree that –

- Today, 30 percent or more of total food production fails to reach human consumption; it's unacceptable if we are to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems and when we estimate that even if just one-fourth of the food currently lost or wasted globally could be saved, it would be enough to feed 870 million hungry people in the world.
- No organisation can tackle such complex issues alone.
- Collaboration across the value chain is needed as it is the only way we can have a major positive impact beyond that which can be achieved on a 'one on one' basis.
- We are more likely to waste what is deprived from value to our eyes. Thus, reducing food waste is about bringing back the real value of food.
- We know that forging new types of relationships with partners across the value chain will require new levels of collaboration. Successful customer/supplier/contractor relationship management will guarantee that value is added and recognised, instead of being lost.
- Prevention is the best way to fight FLW and save costs. We should always prefer to prevent FLW at the source instead of recover surplus food.
- Awareness & measurement/tracking are the most effective solutions.

Implementation

In order to contribute to reducing FLW, we are committed to work together to:

- Bring back the true value of food along the whole value chain.
- Develop and implement action oriented programmes to:
 - Track FLW and report data adopting clear standards and metrics
 - Identify where food wastage occurs along the food chain (hotspots), understand associated causes and propose solutions
 - Revisit buyer-supplier relationships
- Promote value chain collaboration:
 - Collaboratively work on the identification and implementation of actions to reduce food loss and waste along the value chain. Support member organisations to implement those actions
 - Create and share implementable best practices tools (for identifying, preventing and reducing food wastage to relevant supply chain actors)
 - Create and share data about FLW in food services
 - Build a collaborative ecosystem to maximize our impact from field to plate
- Drive decision making towards sustainable food systems:
 - Remove barriers, engage with bodies, governments and authorities and contribute to effective, integrated public FLW prevention policy
 - Raise awareness and disseminate collective knowledge and user-friendly open source tools
 - Improve consumers' decision process through information and choices.

Members' commitments

Coalition members commit to:

- Participate in the Coalition in a spirit of collaboration
- Have at least one representative by organisation participating to the IFWC meetings and have a representative back-up in case of unavailability or change in the organisation
- Be active by sharing their own data about FLW within IFWC and work toward sharing data publicly
- Share the mission values of the Association
- Share operation values of the Association: trust, fair, accountability, transparency, long term commitment (A 3 years' engagement seems the most appropriate)
- In their own organisation, take steps to:
 - Track FLW in their own activities, measuring and reporting FLW and fixing reduction targets
 - Manage their FLW in accordance with the EU food waste hierarchy
 - Support and promote innovation consistent with the Coalition's purpose
 - Report their progress in advancing the Coalition's objectives

Signed or not, the membership to the Association imply acceptance of the member's charter by all members.