



**Foodwise: Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on Food and Water Security**  
**UTS Aerial Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney, September 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Objectives:**

- *Convene key policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and experts from the Asia-Pacific to share experiences and best practices using the WISE and similar experiential tools.*
- *Develop actionable recommendations for scaling up the adoption of these tools including establishing a regional FoodWISE network for ongoing collaboration.*

**Day 1: Wednesday, 17 September (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)**

- **Welcome Reception (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)** *(Compulsory for all attendees)*
  - Opening remarks (UTS and UNSW)
  - Meeting objectives – Prof. Sera Young (Northwestern University)
  - Cultural considerations

*6-7 PM Networking with drinks and canapés*

**Day 2: Thursday, 18 September (8:30 AM – 5:50 PM)**

**8:30 – 9 AM:** Welcoming remarks (UNSW and UTS)

- **Session 1: (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM)**  
**Why Address Food and Water Security Now?**
  - Expert perspectives on global food and water insecurity from world-renowned organisations
  - Q&A

*10:30 AM morning tea break*

- **Session 2: (11 AM - 12 PM)**  
**Measuring Food and Water Insecurity Experientially**
  - WISE Scales overview – Prof. Sera Young, Northwestern University
  - Regional Case Study – Dhaariwaa Elders Group
  - Group activity

*12-1 PM lunch break*

- **Session 3: (1 PM - 2:30 PM)**  
**Experiences with WISE from Asia Pacific – Case Studies and Lessons Learned**
  - Lessons learned from across the region

*2:30 PM afternoon tea break*

- **Session 4: (3 PM - 4 PM)**  
**Aligning Agendas for Impact**
  - Facilitated discussions and sharing of findings
- **Closing Session: (4 PM - 5:30 PM)**  
**Looking Ahead: Towards a Regional FoodWISE Network**
  - Next steps – Prof. Jacqui Webster
  - Insights from Latin America
  - Regional Manifesto and Commitments

**5:30 - 5:50 PM:** Formal closing and presentation of gifts

*5:50 - 7:00 PM (Optional): Informal networking drinks and canapes*

**Day 3: Friday, 19 September (8:30 AM - 3:00 PM)**

- Optional Grant writing workshop