



Foodwise: Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on Food and Water Security
UTS Aerial Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney, September 17th -18th 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