

Abstract

Tracing the evolution of the food system paradigm, this research investigates the transition from a narrow focus on food security to a comprehensive food sustainability approach. The study analyses the behaviour of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as source institutions, and their potential influence on the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) strategies in addressing global food security challenges. Spanning from 1990 to 2019, the research examines key official documents from the institutions and relevant literature to unravel the interconnectedness between these institutions and FAO's paradigm shift. The findings shed light on the complex dynamics and interactions of international institutions and their role in shaping sustainable development policies within the food security realm.