

ABSTRACT. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are perhaps the most ambitious attempt to date at global monitoring of human well-being. They combine economic, social and environmental dimensions, with a particular emphasis on social inclusion. This lecture will focus especially on the extent to which SDG 5 – which aims at Gender Equality – can help ensure food security, within and beyond households. It will also explore the relationship of SDG 5 with several other goals which impinge centrally on the question of food security, but many of which pay no attention to gender equality.

The lecture will argue that although SDG 5 holds substantial potential, it also has serious limitations in promoting food security on its own. There is a need not only to link SDG 5 with the SDGs which focus on poverty and hunger, but also to create synergies between SDG 5 and goals relating to environmental sustainability, such as climate change, forest ecosystems, and marine resources. In turn, we may ask: can the environmental goals themselves be achieved without a focus on gender equality and the synergies inherent therein? Finally, the lecture will examine factors beyond those included in the SDGs – in particular institutional innovations in agriculture – attention to which could open up new pathways for both empowering women and achieving food security.

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