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The content of *Food Chain* covers all aspects of promoting food chains, from on-farm processing to storage, transportation, food processing businesses, hygiene and quality assurance, marketing, finance and the business environment. It covers the market linkages between agricultural production and farm inputs, including both hard inputs and knowledge systems, and farm outputs and associated value chains. It covers aspects of post-harvest technology, crop quality, and nutrition/food security and food relief operations, where these impact on local food processors.

The journal includes in-depth articles of up to 6000 words; technical reports and case studies of 2–3000 words; Crossfire debate, in which contentious issues are discussed by two authorities on the subject; appropriate methods of marketing, business organization and financial management for small food businesses; reports of academic research and other developments that are of interest for food chain development; regular features, including reviews of Internet and published sources of information, book reviews, news of forthcoming meetings, conferences and exhibitions.

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# Food Chain issue themes and copy deadlines

## Fair Trade and the Sustainable Development Goals

**Deadline for abstract submission: 15 October 2018**

**Deadline for article submission: 28 February 2019**

Launched on the 1st January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are designed to highlight the urgent global challenges requiring combined action of governments, civil society and business in order to address issues of poverty, inequality and climate change. The principles, partnerships and business models within Fair Trade have been identified as an exemplary way of enabling the achievement of the SDGs. With its emphasis on producer empowerment, living-wages, fair pricing and long-term partnerships, linked to socially-focused business and supply chains, the Fair Trade movement aims to transform both production and consumption and contribute to wider systemic change that supports sustainable livelihoods.

This is a critical time for Fair Trade as powerful market actors challenge its dominance as a sustainability certifier and key supporters question its governance mechanisms and impact on farmers and producers.

This themed edition of Food Chain focuses on **Fair Trade and the Sustainable Development Goals**. We invite papers addressing the SDGs as a lens to explore and assess Fair Trade's contribution to date and potential to support a global agenda towards sustainable development.

We welcome papers that are based on recent project reports or have already been presented in a shorter form at a conference. Food Chain can provide the opportunity to publish these experiences in detail drawing on more in-depth data and analysis. Papers by both researchers and practitioners are welcomed.

In particular, we seek papers on the following topics:

- How can Fair Trade contribute to the overarching goal of ending poverty in all its forms everywhere?
- How does Fair Trade support sustainable agriculture and food security?
- How can standard-setting approaches, such as Fair Trade, improve working conditions and livelihoods in global supply chains?
- How does Fair Trade support a policy and market environment that promotes sustainable consumption and production?
- How has Fair Trade developed local and global partnerships?

Please send a 300-400 word abstract of your planned contribution to the issue editors below by **October 15, 2018**. We will notify authors by **November 15, 2018** and those who are invited to develop full papers are expected to submit those by **February 28, 2019**. Full papers should be between 4-6,000 words in length. All submissions will go through peer review and Food Chain cannot guarantee that papers by authors invited to submit an article will be published. **The special issue will be published in the October 2019 edition of Food Chain.**

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