CAFS Event Explores Structural Racism in American Agriculture

In early September the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems hosted "Rooting Out Racism: Addressing Racial Inequities in the Food System," a panel discussion to kick off the Blueprint for a National Food Strategy report. The event brought together experts from a range of organizations, including the Federal Interagency Task Force on Agriculture in Rural America, to explore the connection between agriculture and structural racism, and to discuss strategies for improving food security and justice for marginalized communities. The event also served as a kickoff for the Blueprint for a National Food Strategy report, which aims to address structural racism in the food system.

New Form and Energy Initiative Website

CAFS launched an online platform to announce the Food and Agriculture Clinic and a Legal Resource Center to support communities in building food sovereignty. The new website includes information about the clinic and its services, as well as resources for farmers, researchers, and policymakers seeking to promote sustainable food systems. The website also features case studies and success stories from communities across the country, highlighting the impact of the clinic’s work on local food systems.

Policy Resource Helps Communities Build Food Sovereignty

On September 1 the Sustainable Development Code (SDC)—a resource that helps communities build more sustainable, resilient, and equitable food systems—was launched. Developed by the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, the SDC provides a framework for communities to adopt policies and practices that support local food systems.

Alumni Spotlight: Esther Akwii LLM'20 Heads to Harvard

Esther Akwii, a 2020 graduate of Vermont Law School, has been named as Clinical Fellow at Harvard Law School’s Food and Agriculture Clinic. Esther joined CAFS as an LLM Fellow in 2018 and helped pilot a range of projects in partnership with partners NOFA-VT and Farmers Market Legal Toolkit. During her time at CAFS, she worked with smallholder farmers and held a position at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations before coming to Vermont Law School. As an LLM Fellow at CAFS, she helped pilot a range of projects in partnership with partners NOFA-VT and Farmers Market Legal Toolkit. During her time at CAFS, she worked with smallholder farmers and held a position at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations before coming to Vermont Law School. As an LLM Fellow at CAFS, she helped pilot a range of projects in partnership with partners NOFA-VT and Farmers Market Legal Toolkit. During her time at CAFS, she worked with smallholder farmers and held a position at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations before coming to Vermont Law School.