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Event: Is Early Warning just a buzzword? Learning lessons from real-time monitoring and anticipatory action efforts

Join SPARC at this hybrid event as we share our evidence from pastoralists in Somalia on the role of early warning and real-time learning to improve the future design of anticipatory action.

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In fast-moving crises, a gap remains around the provision of early warning and real-time information to inform humanitarian responses to prevent large-scale loss of life. Recent research by the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University highlighted both the importance of [real-time monitoring systems](#) and their role in informing decision-making in highly dynamic environments, and the growing need to take real-time monitoring and other 'diagnostic' information systems one step further, towards forecasting and [informing anticipatory action](#).

Lena Weingartner, SPARC Research Associate, will be sharing insights from pastoralists and agropastoralists in Somalia during a hybrid event: '[Is Early Warning just a buzzword? Learning lessons from real-time monitoring and anticipatory action efforts](#)' from 09.00 to 10.30 UTC on Tuesday, May 10 at [Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week](#).

She will be joined in conversation with colleagues from the REACH Initiative, Centre for Humanitarian Change, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Tufts University and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Panellists will share lessons from experiences in Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Nigeria, as they discuss:

- The successes, limits, and challenges of real-time monitoring, early warning, and anticipatory action effort;
- How we can be more transparent about what we can and can't predict in these emergency settings and;
- What needs to be done to improve our efforts as an international community to inform more real-time and anticipatory action to save lives?

Join the conversation by registering for the event [here](#).

SPARC participation at the event is part of the programme's longitudinal research into the role of anticipatory action in supporting farmers and herders in Somalia.

Read the first brief in our series of research 'Understanding the role of anticipatory action in Somalia' [here](#).



A Somali man stands next to his herd of goats at Bakara Animal Market in Mogadishu, Somalia

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