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The catalytic role of policy integration and inclusive governance for food systems transformation and SDG acceleration

Side event at the 2024 High-level political forum

Friday 12 July 2024

UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 9 – 13:15 - 14:30 (held in New York time)

Co-organizers: UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, the Committee on
World Food Security (CFS), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),
the European Union, and South Africa

Background

The UN Food Systems Summit in 2021 put into sharp focus the need to elevate food systems transformation as a catalyst for achieving Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At the end of the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2) in 2023, the UN Secretary-General issued a Call to Action for accelerated food systems transformation, highlighting the right to food as an underlying principle for action in six priority areas.

As part of their engagement at the 2024 High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (the Hub), the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the European Union, and South Africa are organizing a side event on the catalytic role of policy integration and inclusive governance for food systems transformation and SDG acceleration. The side event will feature experiences and innovative solutions on how countries, development partners and other stakeholders are putting the priorities of the SG Call to Action into practice. It will focus on policy integration and implementation as well as inclusive governance mechanisms by providing a space for dialogue between different stakeholders on approaches to National Pathway operationalization and how they support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, and 13.



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Objectives

The side event will bring together representatives from selected Member States, civil society organizations, Coalitions of Action and other food systems practitioners to share experiences and innovative solutions to accelerate progress towards the SDGs. The side event will facilitate an exchange on participatory processes and the catalytic potential of policy tools grounded in the Right to Food, including those developed by the Committee on World Food Security, as well as the key role of the Rome-based agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD) in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and the coordination enabled by the Hub.

More specifically, the side event aims to:

- **Exchange** lessons learned on developing and implementing integrated, multisectoral policies to enable food systems transformation towards achieving the SDGs.
- **Share** successful experiences of inclusive governance mechanisms at all levels, highlighting their role in supporting policy integration and ensuring a whole-of-society approach to food systems transformation.
- **Demonstrate** specific cases of countries having this inclusive multisector governance structure in place.

Register here:

12 July 2024, 13:15 – 14:30 (held in New York time): <https://forms.gle/CFSZunbUy6c1pCMu6>
(Please note that interpretation services will not be available)

A UN event pass is required for attendance.

