

UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS COORDINATION HUB

FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Review and stocktake on the
progress of food systems
transformation: Progress,
challenges, and best practices.

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SG's Call to Action for Accelerated Food Systems Transformation

Six key areas for concerted action by all actors and stakeholders:

- 1. Incorporating food systems transformation into all national policies**
- 2. Establishing multi-sector and multistakeholder food systems governance**
3. Investing in science, research, data, innovation, and technology
- 4. Deepening inclusive design and implementation.**
5. Promoting increased engagement of businesses and accountability
6. Ensuring access to finance



Country progress on national pathway operationalization and integration into national frameworks

127 countries have developed a pathway today

- **42** pathways in Africa and **15** pathways updated since 2021
- **60%** have started to develop implementation/action plans for their national pathways
- **70%** have integrated the FST vision of their national pathway into national strategies and/or sector plans
- **40%** are linking finance to national pathways



Country examples: update, operationalize, integrate

Mali: the country's first national pathway is being developed in a consultative process, involving key ministries, private sector, INGOs and NGOs, and the national federations of rural youth and rural women.

Tanzania: national pathway updated, and a costed action plan developed through multi-stakeholder engagement. Pathway priorities integrated in new five-year Agriculture Sector Development Programme including investment priorities.

Nigeria: The development of a costed action plan along with a M&E framework. Joint monitoring initiative involving government, civil society organizations and development partners.

The Gambia: Pathway regarded as the "blueprint for policies and programmes". A costed roadmap (action plan) for the transformation of the Gambian food system into an inclusive, resilient and sustainable one by 2030 has been developed.



Country examples: update, operationalize, integrate

Niger: The implementation of the pathway is incorporated into Strategy for Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agricultural Development and the National Nutritional Security Policy and action plans. A pathway review process of action plans is in the pipeline.

Morocco: Development of pathway and action plan. Integration with existing national policies, for example food waste, social protection schemes and nutrition.

Lesotho: Food systems is one of its three pillars and in the National Development Plan (NSDP II 2023-2028), and it is integrated into the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2028)

Eswatini: A food systems approach is embedded in the National Agriculture Investment Plan outlining priority investments in the agriculture sector, and a tool to deliver the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).



Country examples: update, operationalize, integrate

Zambia: Incorporation of food systems transformation in the 8th National Development Plan, and incorporation of a sustainable food systems approach in the second National Agriculture Investment Plan.

South Africa: elements of the pathway included in the Agricultural Agro-Processing Master Plan 2022, Food Security and Nutrition Programme, and the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme.

Somalia: The priorities of the pathways have been translated into concrete, measurable shared 'collective outcomes' in an action plan until 2027.

The Government, the UN system, civil society, private sector, and donor agencies undertook mapping of the collective outcomes with a HPD approach to understand how each stakeholder contributes and what the gaps are.

Food systems approach anchored through the Food System and Nutrition Act. A policy brief to highlight key priority areas of action.



Country progress on governance setup and dialogues

Status

- **70%** established multi-sector and multistakeholder food systems governance mechanisms
- **50%** continue using food system dialogues to deepen inclusive design and implementation on FST



Country examples: governance setup and dialogues

Nigeria: A National Task Team and a National Steering Committee set up as coordination body for the implementation of the national pathway. A Technical Working Group of key stakeholders at both federal and state level has been constituted.

Mali: an Inter-Sectoral Technical Committee on nutrition serves as a multi-sectoral Technical Group for Food Systems bringing together focal points from all ministerial departments of government.

Uganda: A National Food Systems Coordination Committee set up to coordinate the implementation of the country's food systems agenda.

Somalia: a National Food Systems and Nutrition Council established with the representation of ten ministries under the leadership of the Prime Minister's Office. A technical Food Systems Core Taskforce formed to facilitate and coordinate FST agenda.



Country examples: governance setup and dialogues

Kenya: Two-tiered food systems governance structure established.

A National Food System Steering Committee, with membership from different departments like agriculture, livestock, fisheries, health, treasury, education, water, etc.

A National Food Systems Technical Working Group, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder governance platform, including the government, UN agencies, CSOs, farmer's organizations, county governments, researchers and private sector. The technical working group reports to the Steering Committee.

Egypt: Rotating leadership for a concerted vision. A National Committee for Food and Nutrition established as a coordinating entity for food systems transformation. It is made up of several ministries.

The coordination is rotated between the Ministries of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Health, Environment, and the National Food Safety Authority (currently hosted by the Ministry of Health for the period 2023-2025).



National Pathways and Partners

Examples of pathways can be found at the Hub's website:

- <https://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/en> under “Dialogues and Pathways”

Food system partners:

- Food Systems Assistance Gateway
(<https://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/hub-solution/food-systems-assistance-gateway/en>)
- Food Systems Coalitions of Action
(<https://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/hub-solution/coalitions-of-action/en>)



Questions to National Conveners

Operationalizing national pathways and other relevant food system planning instruments

- Could you outline, what further steps have been taken to implement the national pathways since the UNFSS +2 last year in July, and to keep them dynamic as a driver for national food system transformation?
- Please emphasize entry points, specific innovative approaches or institutional changes or interesting examples at local level.



Questions to National Conveners

Effective and inclusive governance structures, food system dialogues

- Are you holding regularly national dialogues with a wide range of stakeholders? Could you share your experience regarding the usefulness of the dialogues and what the results are?
- How can food system governance structures effectively drive the national food system agenda? (e.g. national or also local governance structures, focused or with a wide set of actors, who is chairing?).

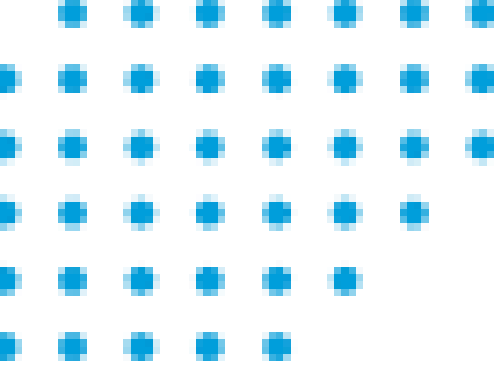


Questions to National Conveners

Regional collaboration and monitoring mechanisms

- In what ways can we enhance regional collaboration to transform food systems and bolster resilience? What are the main challenges and lessons learned within the regional approaches to food system transformation?
- Have you already established a monitoring mechanism to measure the food system progress based on the pathways/action plan? If yes, could you share your examples or mechanisms and what the key challenges are? Are there any good examples of review or monitoring mechanisms of the national pathways/action plans in place?





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