

## FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUE

### *LEARNING for food systems transformation: Building Resilient Food Systems*

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Concept Note

#### Background:

Across the globe, conflict and fragility are on the rise. The COVID-19 pandemic and its responses have cost lives, damaged livelihoods, and strained national budgets. The conflict against Ukraine has fed into a global Cost of Living Crisis, while the ongoing climate emergency continues to have devastating impacts, especially for the world's most vulnerable communities.

Resilient food systems are able to provide safe and affordable healthy diets to all – even in the face of structural vulnerabilities, shocks and stressors.

Before food systems can play a role in accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), they must be made more resilient to the current multi-shock, multi-stress environment. Of the 117 Food Systems National Pathways, 95 focus on resilience building.

To enable more resilient food systems, governments and partners aim to enhance the understanding of the context-specific risks and vulnerabilities of local and national food systems; incorporate these considerations into national policies and plans; and move towards action at the national and local levels.

#### Purpose of the Dialogue:

This dialogue provides a timely opportunity for National Convenors, other government representatives, and stakeholders to discuss critical issues, examples, and opportunities in building more resilient food systems, communities, and people.

#### Agenda:

Duration	Description
5 min	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
8 min	Keynote - “Best Practices in Contributing to More Resilient Food Systems” <b>Mr Martin Frick, Director Berlin Office, WFP</b>
10 min	Q&A - Participants will be invited to post questions live and in the chat.
30 min	Interactive dialogue. Guiding Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are your country’s goals for building more resilient food systems? What are <b>the priorities</b>?</li> <li>2. What are the <b>most essential actions</b> to build resilience, focusing especially on actions which address short-term crises response while also contributing to longer-term food systems transformation objectives?</li> </ol> <p><i>(Feel free to highlight tensions and trade-offs between short and long-term impacts, and how you might resolve them)</i></p>
5 min	Reflections by <b>Ms Sylvie Wabbes, Emergency and Rehabilitation Officer, Office of Emergencies and Resilience, FAO</b>
10 min	Q&A - Participants will be invited to post questions live and in the chat.
10 min	Wrap-Up and Next Steps – <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>