

## Food Systems Solutions Webinars 2023

*Applying Systems Thinking for Food Systems Transformation*

5 October 2023, 11:00 – 12:00 (CEST) | Virtual

### Background

Since its establishment in April 2022, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub has convened multiple virtual dialogues to facilitate peer learning on transforming food systems. These dialogues have witnessed active engagement from National Convenors and various stakeholders within the food system, who have expressed the need to expand the topics and thematic areas discussed. Within this framework, the Hub has scheduled a series of Food Systems Solutions Webinars (FSS Webinars) to foster knowledge diffusion and enhance science-policy interfaces for 2023.

### Purpose of the Webinar

This Webinar will delve into the importance of systems thinking to achieve the SDGs. Panellists will focus on the nexus approach, highlighting the interconnectedness of different systems and emphasizing the need for integrated solutions by sharing insights from their experiences and offering practical examples. They will specifically examine in a systemic way the transformation of food systems and how they can be leveraged to accelerate progress on various critical interconnected issues. In an ever-evolving world where the trajectory of global challenges is uncertain, this conversation goes beyond the conventional by exploring future scenarios and meticulously examining the metamorphosis of food systems, recognizing them as a catalyst for immediate progress and a linchpin in creating a sustainable future.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the role of systems thinking in promoting sustainable development and how the transformation of food systems can catalyse multiple SDGs simultaneously.

### Agenda

Time	Item
5 min	<b>Opening remarks and Moderator: Ismahane Elouafi</b> , FAO Chief Scientist
30 min	<b>Impact panel:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>For many policy makers, systems thinking sounds as a very theoretical concept. How is it operationalized?</i></li> <li><i>What are the “elements” of food systems that need to be prioritized in our efforts to make them more sustainable?</i></li> <li><i>How intergovernmental processes can promote a system thinking approach for global governance of food systems?</i></li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Livia Bizikova</b>, Lead II, Monitoring and Governance Tracking Progress Program, IISD</li> <li><b>Tom Arnold</b>, Ireland’s Special Envoy for Food Systems, 2021-2022</li> <li><b>Kwesi Atta-Krah</b>, Senior Advisor/Consultant, Country and Regional Engagement, One CGIAR-Continental Africa Directorate, IITA</li> </ul>
15 min	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
5 min	<b>Closing remarks: Stefanos Fotiou</b> , Director, FAO Office of SDGs