

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUE

Inclusive Participatory Design to Transform Food Systems

Wednesday, 18 September 2024

Session I – 8:00 - 9:30 AM CEST

Session II – 16:00 - 17:30 CEST

Background

The UN Secretary-General's Call to Action for Accelerated Food Systems Transformation announced at the 2023 UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2), highlights six areas that need concerted action to prioritize implementing future food systems. One of these is deepening joined-up participatory design and implementation, which includes women, young people, and Indigenous Peoples at the local level. This involves fostering knowledge sharing, promoting cross-sector programming, encouraging multi-stakeholder partnering, focusing on context and place-based actions, enhancing stronger and more diverse production systems, and ensuring mutual accountability.

Since the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, countries have actively pursued food system dialogues at both national and sub-national levels, involving a wide range of stakeholders such as government agencies, farmer associations, businesses, civil society, international financial institutions, scientific institutions, youth, indigenous farmers and the media. Moreover, inclusive food systems governance mechanisms are being established at the country level, fostering national ownership and yielding more effective, equitable, and sustainable solutions. To facilitate inclusive and participatory stakeholder engagement, the Hub works closely with the [Stakeholder Engagement and Networking Advisory Group \(SENA Group\)](#), actively engaged in identifying opportunities for action and critical gaps, promoting inclusiveness and transparency, activating existing networks, and acting as thought leaders to disseminate core messages from major stakeholders. The [Stakeholders' Contribution Document](#) from the UNFSS+2 underlined an urgent need for governments to create stronger mechanisms for increased engagement with various stakeholders. Key recommendations spotlighted the need for enhanced engagement with farmer groups, especially women producers, securing funding for grassroots organizations and more joined-up participatory approaches in designing National Pathways and national food systems policies.

Purpose of the Dialogue

The Solutions Dialogue will explore how to encourage innovative approaches and collaborative efforts to leverage stakeholders' potential as agents of change in food systems in an inclusive way. The Dialogue will focus on grassroots stakeholders and rights holders: Indigenous Peoples', farmers and producers, youth and women. Through collaborative discussions, the Dialogue aims to identify and explore initiatives that foster inclusion and economic, social, and cultural development tailored to national needs and country-specific contexts. The Dialogue will highlight key recommendations for multi-stakeholder consultations developed jointly by UN Agencies (UNEP, FAO, UNDP) in "[Rethinking our food systems: A guide for multi-stakeholder collaboration.](#)"

Agenda

Time	Item
5 min	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Khaled Eltaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (AM session)
30 min	Setting the scene: Panel of speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Siobhan Kelly, Agribusiness Officer, FAO Ms Manisha Pandya, Coordinator, Self Employed Women's Association Ms Rita Bonwi Njابه, UN Food Systems Youth Leadership Programme Alumna, Cameroon
45 min	Dialogue with Convenors: Moderator: Ms Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please share examples of successful inclusive participatory design, implementation, and monitoring initiatives where stakeholder engagement has been actively integrated into national policy or strategy development for food systems transformation. How can innovative ideas from underrepresented stakeholders be supported and piloted at the country level? What are the key enablers, based on your experience?
5 min	Reflections from the Dialogue Panellists to share key takeaways
5 min	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Khaled Eltaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (AM session)

Register here:

- **Morning session 8:00 – 9:30 CEST:** <https://cutt.ly/FSSD18SEPAM> (English with interpretation in Arabic, Chinese and Russian)
- **Afternoon session 16:00 – 17:30 CEST:** <https://cutt.ly/FSSD18SEPPM> (English with interpretation in French and Spanish)