

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUES

Policy Integration to Support Food Systems Transformation

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Session I – 8:00 - 9:30 AM CET | Session II – 16:00 - 17:30 CET

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), underlined the critical importance of policy integration and inclusive governance mechanisms in accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Policy integration is essential as food systems intersect with various sectors, including health, environment, economy, and social equity. It necessitates coordination among various sectors; the development of integrated multisectoral policies for advancing the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the strengthening of science-policy interfaces for food systems at the national level. In practical terms, implementing policy integration for food systems transformation at the country level involves incorporating national Food Systems Pathway priorities and commitments into national strategies, policies, and sectoral plans. To achieve effective policy integration for food systems transformation, public institutions must build capacity to address the complexities of agrifood systems, focusing on context-appropriate tools and fostering the skills and mindsets of policymakers, while ensuring institutional coherence and governance for effective systems approaches.

Purpose of the Dialogue

This Solutions Dialogue 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 by providing a space to exchange best practices and lessons learnt on implementing and integrating multi sectoral policies for food systems transformation at the national level. The Dialogue will spotlight how the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Programme (CAADP) and the post-Malabo process have underscored the value and importance of cross-sector interdependence and its linkages to national food systems pathways. Moreover, the dialogue will explore solutions for localising a food systems approach and discuss key enablers for implementing multi-sectoral food systems policies at the country level.

Agenda

| Duration | Item |
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| 5 min | <p>Welcome and opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Khaled Eltaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub |
| 30 min | <p>Setting the scene: Panel of speakers</p> <p>AM session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martin Bwalya, Food Systems Regional Specialist for Africa, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub ● Pushpa Raj Shrestha, Programme Policy Officer, WFP Country Office, Nepal ● Oliver Oliveros, Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition (TBC) <p>PM session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martin Bwalya, Food Systems Regional Specialist for Africa, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub ● Jay Bahadur Tandan, National Food Systems Convenor, Nepal ● Kate Roll, Head of Teaching & Associate Professor, Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (UCL) ● Oliver Oliveros, Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition (TBC) |
| 45 min | <p>Dialogue with Convenors: Moderator: Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What steps has your country taken to align policies and bring about a coherent environment supportive to advancing an integrated food systems approach? ● What are the key lessons learned from developing and implementing food systems policies? Have specific institutional reforms or new mechanisms been put in place, and what kind of institutional capacity building is needed? |
| 5 min | <p>Reflections from the Dialogue: Panellists to share key takeaways</p> |
| 5 min | <p>Closing remarks: Khaled Eltaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p> |