

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUE

Catalysing Climate Action for Transformative Food Systems

Wednesday 9 October 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 +2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2), charts a clear and comprehensive roadmap for shaping sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems integral to achieving the 2030 Agenda. The UN Secretary-General identified six areas that need concerted action to prioritise the implementation of future food systems. One is the need to align the implementation of national food systems transformation pathways with the continuous updates of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) for climate action.

[The COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action](#), endorsed by the heads of 160 Member States, reinforced this commitment by stressing, inter alia, that “any path to fully achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement must include agriculture and food systems” and affirming that “agriculture and food systems must urgently adapt and transform to respond to the imperatives of climate change”. Additionally, at COP28, over 200 diverse non-state actors, including farmers, cities, businesses, financial institutions, civil society, and philanthropies, signed a Call to Action for Transforming Food Systems for People, Nature, and Climate to complement the UAE Declaration.

Since then, the UN Deputy Secretary-General has launched the [Hub Convergence Initiative](#), which aims to support national efforts to advance the alignment between the “food systems transformation (FST)” and “climate action (CA)” agendas to enable governments and stakeholders at the national level to strengthen synergetic action that will simultaneously support the achievement of the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. At the 2024 Summit of the Future, governments reaffirmed their commitment to address global hunger, food insecurity, and climate change challenges. In the [Pact for the Future](#), Action 3 highlights the commitment to promote equitable, resilient, inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems, while Action 9 reaffirms the importance of accelerating action to address climate change.

Purpose of the dialogue

As the global community prepares for COP29, this dialogue seeks to gather insights and foster collaborative initiatives that will be pivotal in shaping sustainable, equitable, and resilient agricultural systems worldwide. This dialogue will explore innovative strategies and practices to address the intersection of climate action and food systems transformation. The dialogue will delve into sustainable practices, resilient agricultural approaches, and collaborative initiatives, including the Hub's Convergence Initiative, to foster a holistic response to the climate challenges within food systems.

Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	Welcome and opening remarks: Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
30 min	Setting the scene: Panel of speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Khaled Eltaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub ● H.E. Carla Carneiro, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil to FAO, IFAD and WFP ● David Laborde, Director, Agrifood Economic Division, FAO ● Jahan-Zeb Chowdhury, Global Climate and Environment Lead, IFAD (AM session) ● Jack Rossiter, Sr Technical Specialist, Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) Manager at IFAD (PM session)
45 min	Dialogue with Convenors: Moderator: Florence Lasbennes , Managing Director, 4SD Foundation Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How can Food Systems National Pathways be effectively implemented and integrated with national climate action initiatives to simultaneously achieve Sustainable Development Goals and enhance climate resilience? ● What specific actions and partnerships are necessary at the national level to accelerate climate financing for food systems transformation?
5 min	Reflections from the dialogue
5 min	Wrap-up and next steps: Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub