

# FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTION DIALOGUES

## Monitoring data-driven food systems transformation at country level

Wednesday 12 March 2025 | Virtual

Session I 8:00 - 9:30 AM CEST | English, Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Session II - 16:00 - 17:30 CEST | English, French, Spanish

### Background

The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub hosts virtual Food Systems Solutions Dialogues (FSSDs) as a collaborative platform for National Convenors and stakeholders to discuss and share practical solutions for sustainable food systems transformation. The FSSDs build on global commitments and outcomes of the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, the 2023 UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment and the Secretary-General’s Call to Action, empowering National Convenors to develop actionable strategies for implementing their National Pathways.

The themes for the 2025 Food Systems Solutions Dialogues (2025 FSSDs) are aligned with the objectives of the forthcoming UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake (UNFSS+4), scheduled in July 2025, focusing on **documenting progress**, **strengthening accountability**, and **unlocking investments** for food systems transformation. The 2025 FSSDs are designed to support governments in preparing their contributions to UNFSS+4 to document country progress at UNFSS+4 and beyond.

### Purpose of this Dialogue

The global efforts to transform food systems have gained significant momentum in recent years, with various initiatives emerging to monitor and evaluate progress at the country level. This dialogue serves as a platform for stakeholders to discuss the importance of data-driven approaches in shaping the future of global food systems and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The dialogue explores how countries define their food systems transformation goals and assess progress made, highlighting the global Food Systems Countdown Initiative (FSCI) and other emerging national-level initiatives developed to monitor and evaluate food systems transformation. Moreover, the dialogue highlights the role of traditional and Indigenous knowledge and data in food systems monitoring processes. This dialogue links to the UNFSS+4 objectives of documenting progress on food systems transformation, strengthening accountability and unlocking investments for food systems transformation.

### Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	<b>Welcome and opening remarks:</b> <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b> , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
30 min	<b>Setting the scene: Panel of speakers</b> Introduction to the FSCI with a focus on global data and indicators development, latest global assessments, experiences from rolling out the FSCI at country level, and how the FSCI can assist countries in measuring progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker, TBC</li> </ul> The CAADP Strategy and Action Plan: 2026-2035 as an example of a regional monitoring and evaluation framework for food systems transformation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker, TBC</li> </ul>

	<p>The role of traditional/Indigenous people's knowledge and data in food systems monitoring processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker, TBC</li> </ul>
45 min	<p><b>Dialogue with Convenors:</b> Moderator: Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p> <p><b>Guiding questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps have your country taken to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for food systems transformation, and what are your key lessons learned so far?</li> <li>• How is knowledge and research linked with policy-making processes to ensure evidence-based decisions?</li> <li>• In your experience, what are the key enablers to promote inclusive stakeholder accountability for food systems transformation?</li> </ul>
5 min	<p><b>Reflections from the Dialogue</b> (panelists to share brief reflections)</p>
5 min	<p><b>Wrap-up and next steps:</b> <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p>