

Food Systems Stock-taking Moment 2023

Concept Note for Regional Touchpoints with National Convenors

Summary

The **UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (the Hub)** will convene a series of five regionalⁱ dialogues focusing on the preparation of the first Food Systems Stock-taking Moment (STM) in 2023. For each dialogue, the Hub will work with the Regional Offices of the agencies that currently support the Hub, and other appropriate UN and regional bodies. The dialogues are open to participation from National Convenors and their teams, Permanent Representatives to the Rome-based agencies, UN Resident Coordinators, and UN country teams.

Dates:

Region	Day	Timing (CET)	Languages (English in all sessions)	Registration Links
Asia and the Pacific	Tuesday, 13 December	08:00 - 09:30	+ Chinese	https://bit.ly/Dec13_AsiaPacific
Near East and North Africa	Tuesday, 13 December	12:00 - 13:30	+ Arabic, French	https://bit.ly/Dec13_NearEast
Africa	Thursday, 15 December	15:30 - 17:00	+ French	https://bit.ly/Dec15_Africa
Europe and Central Asia	Friday, 16 December	12:00 - 13:30	+ Russian	https://bit.ly/Dec16_Europecentralasia
Latin America and the Caribbean	Friday, 16 December	16:00 - 17:30	+ French, Spanish	https://bit.ly/Dec16_LatAmcaribbea

Background on the Food Systems Stock-Taking Moment (STM)

The UN Secretary-General has committed in his Statement of Action and Chair's Summary of the UN Food Systems Summit (FSS) to convene "a global stock-taking meeting every two years to review progress in implementing the outcomes of this process and its contributions to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This will be supported by the RBAs, the broader UN System and partners." The first of these STM will take place in 2023.

The High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2022 Ministerial Declaration also included a paragraph (#128) on the FSS and the Hub, in which the Members have

"encouraged the relevant United Nations actors and the Hub to consult with countries on the format and modality of the 2023 stocktaking moment".

In order to strategically feed into a number of processes, including the 2023 SDG Summit, the STM is planned to be organized in July 2023 (2-3 days during the week of 24-28 July).

The STM will be organized with the support of Host Country or Co-Host Countries.

The STM will primarily give space to countries to report on the progress they have made in implementing their food systems transformation, including identification of best practices, bottlenecks and capacity needs. The STM does not foresee to be another Summit to create new commitments, but will demonstrate countries', stakeholders' and UN actions toward food systems transformation and achievement of the SDGs, learning from and scaling-up successful approaches, and discussing course-corrections where progress is insufficient.

A set of regional preparatory meetings will be organized in order to build awareness and momentum towards the STM, and to serve as opportunities to consolidate regional learning and identify emerging promising patterns and solutions across the different regions. These meetings are suggested to be organized during the Regional Sustainable Fora on Sustainable Development, in cooperation with the Regional Commissions, the UN Development Cooperation Office (DCO) and the Regional Offices of the RBAs and other agencies that currently support the Hub, as well as key regional bodies.

The detailed structure and objectives of the STM will be defined in coordination with the Host Country or Countries) and taking into account the inputs that will be received through the regional touchpoints as well as other informal consultation meetings to be organized.

Structure and Objectives of the Regional touchpoints

The Regional touchpoints will last two hours each. After a short introduction on the current status of the preparation of the STM, there will be a period of at least 60 minutes within which National Convenors, or their nominees, will be invited to present their views on the STM, based on a set of questions shared in advance.

Facilitated breakout rooms will be arranged if necessary. Should that be the case, there will be an opportunity for experiences in the breakouts to be shared with the wider participation in the dialogue meetings through short feedback provided by pre-identified rapporteurs. The session will finish with a brief intervention by a representative of the Regional Directors from each region, and a 5-minute wrap-up by the Hub.

In preparing their participation, Convenors, their teams and other government representatives are invited to consider the following questions:

1. What is the status of implementation of the National Pathway or other transformation process in your country? Are there any bottlenecks that need to be addressed?
2. How are you monitoring and assessing progress of your National Pathway implementation and food systems transformation in your country (process, indicators, and mechanisms/structures)?
3. What approach to the 2023 Stock-taking Moment (format/level of representation, focus of discussions, agenda, and outcomes) would you find most useful to support and help continue driving food systems transformation momentum in your country? How would you envisage regional preparatory processes?
4. What support would your country need from the Hub, the UN in country and the various regional bodies, in preparing for the Stock-taking Moment?

Convenors are encouraged to develop and share written submissions of up to 500 words, ideally before the meeting they expect to attend: this will be helpful making the meeting as meaningful as possible for all. Written submissions could be shared to FSS-Hub@fao.org.

ⁱ Regional distribution based on the five FAO regions