

## Dialogue of Food Systems National Convenors with the FAO Director-General Concept Note

### Introduction

The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (the Hub) will convene a dialogue between the Food Systems National Convenors and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Qu Dongyu. The purpose of the dialogue is to consolidate understanding of the priorities for the work of the Hub in 2023. The dialogue is open for participation to National Convenors and their teams or other government food system focal points, as well as to the UN Agencies supporting the Hub.

### Date, time, and venue

The Dialogue will be organized online (via Zoom) on Thursday, 12 January at 10:00 - 11:30 CET. Please register via the following link: <https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrduhrzwvHd0BsNI7OPGE7nJhLs86y2um>. The meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in all FAO languages.

### Programme of the Dialogue

Time	Programme item	Speaker
10:00-10:05	Introduction to the meeting	Moderator (TBC)
10:05-10:20	Keynote opening statement	Dr. Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General
10:20-11:20	Interventions from Convenors	National Convenors
11:20-11:30	Closing and the way forward	Dr. Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General

### Structure of the Dialogue

The Dialogue will last for 90 minutes and will start with a keynote opening statement by the FAO Director-General. Following the opening statement, the National Convenors will be invited to provide their views on how their countries implement food systems transformation. It is suggested that in order to give space to as many as possible convenors, each intervention will last for 3 minutes. In preparing their participation, National Convenors, their teams and other government focal points are invited to consider the following questions:

1. What is the position of the national pathway within your country's sustainable development agenda?
2. What are the most important factors to address at your country in order to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs through agrifood systems transformation?

3. What are the opportunities and challenges on upscaling the food systems agenda at national and global levels and how FAO and other Agencies could support you on these efforts?

After the statements by the Convenors, the FAO Director-General will provide a response to their interventions and outline important milestones for the work of the Hub in 2023.

Convenors are kindly requested to express their intention to intervene in the Dialogue by Friday, 6 January 2023, in order to determine the speaking order during the Dialogue. Convenors are also encouraged to develop and share written submissions of up to 300 words, responding to the above questions, ideally before the Dialogue, as this will be helpful in making the meeting as structured as possible for all.

Expressions of interest to intervene in the Dialogue and written submissions could be shared to [FSS-Hub@fao.org](mailto:FSS-Hub@fao.org) with a copy to [Khaled.Eltaweel@fao.org](mailto:Khaled.Eltaweel@fao.org) and [Nicole.DePaula@fao.org](mailto:Nicole.DePaula@fao.org).

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