

Engaging for food systems transformations – Coalitions of Action

Wednesday 29 June 2022

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

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Background

UN Food Systems Summit. In 2019 the UN Food Systems Summit (FSS) was announced by the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, as a part of the Decade of Action for delivery on the SDGs by 2030. The aim of the Summit was to deliver progress on all 17 of the SDGs through a food systems approach, leveraging the interconnectedness of food systems to global challenges such as malnutrition, climate change, poverty, and inequality.

The Summit served as a capstone moment for an 18-month process designed to empower all people to leverage food systems transformation to drive our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and get us back on track to achieve all 17 SDGs by 2030. It offered a catalytic moment for public mobilization and actionable commitments by Heads of State and Government and other constituency leaders to take this agenda forward throughout the Decade of Action. The key outcomes of the FSS included the thousands of global, regional, national, subnational and independent dialogues that were organized and served as foundation for countries to develop national food system pathways which detail a roadmap for food systems transformation according to national context.

The UNSG committed the UN system to establish a UN Food Systems Coordination Hub that collaborates with, and draws upon, wider UN system capacities to support follow-up to the Food Systems Summit. The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub is hosted in FAO on behalf of the UN System and is now operational.

Collective initiatives such as the Coalitions emerged from the FSS and are in different stages of development, organization and level of activity. The Hub, as defined in its workplan, will connect Coalitions and help identify overlaps, complementarities and opportunities for joint action. It will also connect Coalitions with the countries for accelerating food system transformative actions.

This dialogue will bring together National Convenors, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub team, and UN Country Teams' representatives in an interactive exchange on what countries need and what coalitions can offer to implement national pathways and transform food systems towards healthier, more sustainable and fairer ones.

Aim of the session:

- *To understand what the Coalitions can offer to the countries in support of food systems transformation, especially around capacity building, financing food systems transformation and thought leadership;*
- *To understand the Convenors' needs and expectations in support of the implementation of their food systems transformation national pathway;*
- *To discuss how National Convenors can make the best of their country engagement with Coalitions;*
- *To understand the role of the Hub as a connector between the ecosystem of support and the countries.*

Agenda

Duration	Item
2 min	Opening and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Florence Lasbennes, Managing Director, 4SD
6 min	1. Setting the Scene: Linking pathways and Coalitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefanos Fotiou, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD and co-lead of the UN Global Crisis Response Group Food work stream
7 min	2. Overview of the Coalitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lina Mahy, Engagement Coordinator, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
15 min	3. Plenary: the Coalitions and what they can offer <p><i>Building on the 13 June brainstorming session, a number of Coalitions will present what they can offer on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building capacities at country level Financing food systems transformation Local and global thought leadership <p><i>In plenary with interpretation; a maximum of 5 representatives (3 minutes each) from a Coalition will discuss one of the themes. Further discussion will follow in break-out groups.</i></p>
40 min	<p><i>Break-out groups (number of groups depending on number of registrations)</i></p> 4. Discussions: Matching needs to solutions <p><i>Convenors can build on what they heard in plenary and ask questions to representatives of Coalitions: what has a coalition to offer, what is the specific value add of a coalition?</i></p>
15 min	5. Presentation of key points of break-out sessions in plenary <p><i>Rapporteurs of the different groups will highlight the key questions that have wider relevance (and share what was the nature of the conversation)</i></p> <p><i>Time for feedback per group is depending on the number of break-out groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coalitions can respond to the key questions in plenary (where there is interpretation) Participants can also share questions in the chat Time for feedback per group is depending on the number of break-out groups Moderator: Sylvia Ekra-Lopez, Deputy Director Designate, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
5 min	Wrap up and Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefanos Fotiou, Director FS Coordination Hub