

ISSUE-BASED COALITION ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Applying a sustainable food systems approach to address food security, nutrition and health risks in the context of COVID-19: Sharing tools and practical solutions

**9 September 2020
10.00 – 11.15 (CET time)**

**SERIES OF WEBINARS ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND COVID-19 FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
COUNTRY TEAMS (UNCTs) IN THE REGION OF EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**

Concept Note

The Issue-based Coalition on Sustainable Food Systems is organizing a series of webinars aiming to build the capacities of the UN Country Teams in the region on sustainable food systems and to facilitate the sharing of best practices, knowledge and tools from within and outside of the region, to support the COVID-19 response.

The first webinar aims at setting the scene by providing the participants with a common understanding on what a food systems approach is, showing its multiple dimensions, and why it is important. It will offer an opportunity to share available tools and resources on the food systems in the context of COVID-19 with a focus on food security, nutrition and health.

Key questions to be addressed at the webinar:

- 1. What are the important concepts and elements of a sustainable food systems approach?**
- 2. What are the relevant tools and resources on the food systems which can support UNCTs in the region to better respond to COVID-19 impact on food security, nutrition and health?**

This first webinar will be followed by two more webinars that will focus on specific aspects of the food systems that are of relevance and priority for the region.

Detailed Agenda

Date: 9 September 2020 - 10.00 – 11.15 (CET time)

Audience: UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams in the region of Europe and Central Asia

Moderation: Valeria Rocca (FAO) and Liliana Annovazzi Jakab (UNECE)

10.00 – 10.10	Item 1 Opening remarks by an IBC Co-Chair	Siemon Hollema (WFP)
10.10 – 10.30	Item 2 – Setting the scene What are the important concepts and elements of a sustainable food systems approach? Provide a common understanding on what a food systems approach is, exploring its multiple dimensions from the different IBC agencies' perspectives and mandates. Discussion	Keigo Obara (FAO)
10.30 – 11.05	Item 3 – Technical Session What are the relevant tools and resources on the food systems which can support UNCTs in the region to better respond to COVID-19 impact on food security, nutrition and health? Focus on two selected tools from the IBC Repository on COVID-19 and Food Systems. The IBC Repository - which includes the full list of tools, key UN messages, available evidence and analysis on COVID-19 and Food Systems - can be found here . Discussion An opportunity for the UNCTs to share experiences on ongoing efforts, challenges and further needs to assess the impact of COVID-19 on food security, nutrition and health.	Amir Yarparvar (UNICEF) Kremlin Wickramasinghe (WHO/EUROPE)
11.05 – 11.15	Item 4 – Closing Concluding remarks from all the IBC members	All IBC members