UN Food Systems Summit:
overview, key outcomes and next steps

Rome, 23 November 2021
Food systems **hold the power** to realize our shared vision for a better world.”

READ the Secretary-General’s Chair Summary and Statement of Action on the UN Food Systems Summit
FSS basic facts

- Part of the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs by 2030
- Vision: empower all people to leverage the power of food systems to drive our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and get us back on track to achieve all 17 SDGs by 2030
- Convened by UN SG - 23rd September 2021 as a starting point
- Expectations: Actionable commitments by Head of States
Overall “portfolio of action”

**2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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### National Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies

Member State Statements on National Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies (spanning the 2030 Agenda and Goals; Drawing on all possible actions and solutions prioritized)

### Regional Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies

Regional Group Statements on Regional Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies (spanning the 2030 Agenda and Goals; Drawing on all possible actions and solutions prioritized)

#### Action Areas

- **Nourish All People**
- **Boost Nature-Based Solutions of Production**
- **Advance Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work, & Empowered Communities**
- **Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks, and Stresses**

**Support Means of Implementation**

(Finance; Governance; Science and Knowledge; Innovation, Technology, & Data; Capacity; Human Rights)

#### Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives and Constituency Commitments

Multi-stakeholder initiatives and hundreds of complementary stakeholder commitments from actors at local, national, and global level posted on a digital platform space

#### Knowledge Base

Compendium

#### Follow Up and Review

Approach to Follow Up and Review

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Action tracks and relevance for forests

Over 2000 ideas, grouped in 5 Action Tracks:

1- Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all

2- Shift to sustainable consumption patterns

3- Boost nature-positive production

4- Advance equitable livelihoods

5- Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

Protect
- Protect natural ecosystems against new conversions for food and feed production.

Manage
- Manage existing food production systems sustainably, to the benefit of both nature and people.

Restore and rehabilitate
- Restore and rehabilitate degraded ecosystems and soil function for sustainable food production.
Outcomes

• Created **momentum** and political attention on food systems, including on turning the tide on deforestation (51k people tuned in from 193 countries)

• **Dialogue programmes / critical mass**
  - 11 Global dialogues, 1600 Member states & Independent dialogues – including “Halting deforestation: approaches and tools for forest-positive commodity value chains”
  - 107,000 total participants

• **200+ commitments** from civil society, indigenous peoples, youth (link)
107 Member States have posted National Pathways on the Food Systems Summit Gateway.

- **Living documents** that provide emerging national strategies for transformation of their food systems
- **Key entry point** to support countries enhancing production while managing forest-agriculture trade-offs
Outcomes - Coalitions launched

- **Multi-stakeholder coalitions launched** - **Key role** in fostering alignment and **coherence**, catalyzing collective action, mobilize energy and **political will**, transferring les:

- **Special mention to:**

*Halting Deforestation & Conversion from Agricultural Commodities*

Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA), Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU); FAO; WWF; WRI; Good Growth Partnership; Green Commodities Programme; WEF; The Nature Conservancy; UN-REDD Programme; GIZ

Key follow up and connection with [FACT dialogue](#) and [Glasgow leaders’ declaration on forests and land use](#)

*Coalition on Better Data Better Decisions for Nature-Positive Production*

What's next?

- ‘Coordination Hub’ led by the Rome-based UN Agencies (hosted in FAO DG office, staffed by RBAs, UNDP, UNEP, WHO secondments);
- Further development and implementation of National Pathways;
- Continued dialogues and Coalitions’ support work;
- Annual reporting: SG to HLPF; Resident Coordinators to SG;
- Impact evaluation in two years
Within FAO:

- Strengthening the science-policy interface;
- More and better targeted and sustained investments;
- Targeted interventions on Research and Development;
- Reducing food loss & waste: including more efficient

“Breaking the silos”: e.g. COFO-COAG common agenda item on “Agriculture, Food Systems and Deforestation.”
Thank you

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