



Scientific Group for the UN Food Systems Summit (2021)

5th Scientific Group meeting, February 16th, 2021

Agenda, Progress, and Plans



Agenda and timing

14.00 1. updates on FSS processes

14.15 2. Food Systems Summit Briefs with Partners (discussion)

a) guidance for Briefs

b) draft status of list of Briefs

14.30 3. Scientific Group Agenda paper (review, discussion)

a) Draft outline

b) reviewing Sc. Group's support of other FSS Actors

15.00 4. Conferencing by Scientific Group (review, discussion)

a) workshop April 20-22 (draft agenda)

b) Science Day July 8 - 9 (update at meeting and discussion)

15.45 5. Any other business

16.00 end of meeting

1. Updates and information sharing on FSS processes

- Peer review of our papers done; revision; Nature
- “Integrating Team” 20th Jan - (FSS Special Envoy, Secretariat, AT chairs, Dialogue Chair, ScGroup Chair, etc.)
- Conference “Bonding science and policy to accelerate food systems transformation” Feb. 4th
- Africam ag research 16th Feb: FARA with regional partners (ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF, NASRO, AFAAS, FANRPAN, NARS)
- Briefing of LAC (IICA et. al)
- Briefings of EU Commission and
- Other developments: Sc. Group members at meeting

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Re 2: Thematic areas for FSS Briefs and Strategic papers with Partners

(about 20 briefs in progress, list and guidance memo was shared)

A) Modelling Food Systems transformations-Synergies, Tradeoffs; “World Views” and foresights – Policy Implications

B) Science, technology, and Innovation actions

C) Actions for equity, inclusiveness and nutrition and health

D) Actions for sustainable resource use and foresight

E) Investment, Finance, Trade and Governance actions

F) Regional and Country Briefs and Other themes

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Re 3: Sc. Group Pre-Summit Agenda Paper

Draft Outline (see details shared for meeting)

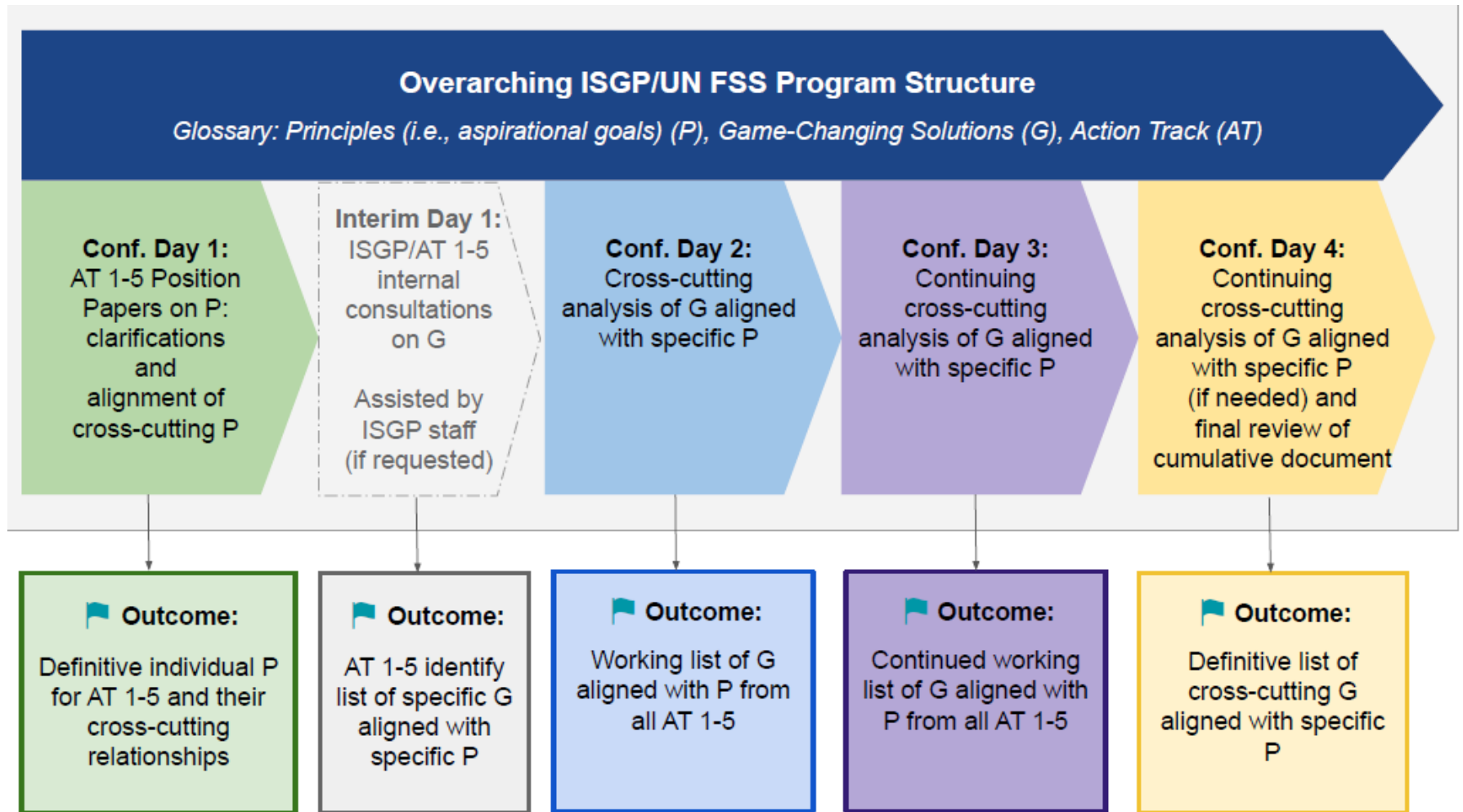
- 1. Summary for Policy makers**
- 2. Framing the food systems context and its dynamics: science perspectives**
- 3. Contributing to the agenda and its levels of ambitions for results till 2030 and beyond: foresights**
- 4. Identifying promising opportunities and priorities for science and innovation-based solutions**
- 5. Pre- and Post-summit processes and assessment and role of science – policy interfaces**

Re 3: The Scientific Group's Relations with other FSS Actors

(Actions Tracks, NGOs, Private Sector, Dialogues; Champions, ...)

- Scientific evidence: integrating sound science for evidence based FSS
- Focussed: in view of limited time of Sc Group members
- Balanced: i.e. not just working with the most effective and influential, but inclusive
- Constructive: especially supporting Action Tracks with sound advice
- **Remaining independent**

Action Track planned identification of „Game Changing Solutions – workshop March 1-4



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Seminar of Sc Group hosted by Pontific. Academy of Sciences

(draft program shared with Sc Group: April 20-22, 2 hours Zoom per day 14-16h CET)

Day 1:

> Assessments of Food Systems Problems and consideration of Actions for solutions emerging from Action Tracks and review of their scientific evidence base

Day 2:

> Futures Thinking: Scenarios, Models, and Emerging Science

> Key notes by Cardinal Turkson (FSS Champion), QU Dongyu (FAO DG), Agnes Kalibata (FSS UN Sp. Envoy)

Day 3:

> Innovation for Effective Science and Policy Relations in Food Systems

> Agenda for the Food Systems Summit from Science and Innovation Perspectives

Science Days July 8-9, 2021

organized by Sc Group facilitated by FAO

Update will be given and discussed at the meeting

Preliminary Format and Structures

- Review the scale and potential of scientific opportunities for transformation of food systems to achieve Summit Goals
- Critically assess opportunities / risks in sciences related to food systems
- Ethics for responsible science to achieve SDGs, particularly SDG2.
- Strengthen the science–policy interface
- two half-day events at FAO HQ; provide different stakeholders, in particular from low and middle-income countries (LMICs) space and opportunity
- A high-level segment, Roundtables, panel discussions, and innovative interactive formats

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