

Scientific Group for the UN Food Systems Summit (2021)

10th Scientific Group meeting, August 17th, 2021

Agenda, Progress, and Plans





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14.00 – 14:20 1. Assessment of and follow up to Pre-Summit

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FSS Pre-Summit Outcomes and Next Steps (DSG for Advisory Group Aug 10th)

All work streams converged around a reaffirmation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its integrated focus on people, planet and prosperity. The purpose remains urgent delivery on the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The UN Food Systems Summit to be held in New York, during the UN General Assembly High-level week. The Summit will be a moment to hear from as many Heads of State and Government, regional groups and leaders as possible on their commitments to take this agenda forward throughout the Decade of Action.

The coming two months leading to Food systems Summit will be concentrated on the following deliverables:

1) <u>The Secretary-General's Statement of Action</u>. This two-page document will urge all Member States and all people to continue the push to 2030 through food systems.

2) <u>A compendium will document the full diverse inputs received throughout the process.</u>

3) <u>The work of the Action Tracks, Levers of change, scientific group will</u> <u>transition to the follow-up and review of the Food Systems Summit at</u> <u>global and country-level.</u> This will be supported by the Rome-based agencies at global level and Resident Coordinators and UN Country-teams at country-level.

4) In organizing the work at global and country-level, the outcomes and priorities of the summit process are being built upon. In Rome the following <u>Coalition themes</u> began to emerge will continue to be shaped and developed:

- Action for Nutrition and Zero Hunger
- School Meals
- Food Loss and Waste
- Agroecology and Sustainable Livestock and Agriculture Systems
- Aquatic and Blue Foods
- Living incomes and Decent Work
- Resilience
- Means of implementation finance, innovation and technology, data, governance

Supporting implementation at country level will not require new structures, but more responsive existing structures.

The <u>Rome-based Agencies</u>, FAO, IFAD, WFP are well placed to build on their leadership and continue to act as champions for this effort. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) remains an essential platform for inclusive international and intergovernmental for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

The success of the process thus far has also been driven by the <u>cross-sectoral and multi-</u> <u>stakeholder collaboration</u>. Maintaining this method of working implies a need to ensure a strong system-wide collaboration, especially at country-level and as countries continue to define and implement their pathways.

The remaining period leading to the Summit will be used to further <u>define the global</u> <u>and country-level follow-up.</u> The Special Envoy for the Food Systems Summit, Agnes Kalibata, together with the Rome-based Agencies, will further develop the follow-up for the way forward beyond the Summit.

The <u>Food Systems Summit Advisory Committee</u> will meet prior to the Summit in September to provide an additional steer and offer feedback to all the five areas of deliverables outlined above.

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Executive Summary

Chapter 1 – Overview of the Food Systems Summit Process

- Description of the expected Summit Outcomes, Process, and Deliverables
- Description of the Summit Support Structures & Constituency Groups

Chapter 2 – Key Inputs from Summit Workstreams

- Scientific Group
 - Summary Write-Up (describing the process and products)
 - o Agenda Paper
 - Scientific Group Reader (with links to all the work produced by the Scientific Group and Institutional Partners)
- Action Tracks and Levers of Change
 - Summary Write-Up (describing the process, convergence, and products)
 - Solution Clusters (52 x 2 pagers)
 - Policy Briefs from Levers of Change (5 papers: LoC and Governance)
- Food Systems Summits Dialogues
 - Summary Write-Up (describing the process, links to all toolkits, links to all previous reports)
 - Guidance Note on National Pathways
 - Member State Dialogues Synthesis Report August 2021
 - Independent Dialogues Synthesis Report August 2021
- Follow Up and Review
 - Approach paper

Chapter 3 – Overview of the Pre-Summit

- Summary Write-Up
- Overview of Deliverables and Outcomes (2 page)
- DSG Statement to Member States

Summit Vision of Success

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The Summit seeks to advance the following deliverables.

- <u>Secretary-General's Statement of Action</u> Drawing on all the work of the Summit, the Secretary-General will issue a "Statement of Action" that will offer-an optimistic and encouraging vision in which food systems play a central role in building a fairer, more sustainable world over the coming 10 years that is relevant to Member States and all stakeholders as they continue transition towards transformative pathways in support of the 2030 Agenda.
- <u>New and Advanced Actions, Finance, and Investments</u> Coming from Heads of State and leaders across the food system, this celebratory moment will recognize actors stepping forward with game-changing solutions and mechanisms for driving them with public and private finance through multi-stakeholder collaboration.
 - <u>National Pathways</u> this will be the priority deliverable for Member States emerging from dialogues over the past year. Member States will be expected to speak to holistic national pathways for food systems transformation to achieve the 2030 Agenda and a commitment to moving them forward.
 - <u>Coalitions of Action</u> coalitions of action will also be launched that can help support Member States in the delivery of national pathways by responding to gaps and needs at country and regional level
- <u>Approach to Follow-up and Review</u> The announcement of a clear approach to follow-up and review that will drive new actions and results, and allow for sharing of experiences, lessons, and knowledge.
- <u>A pinnacle public engagement and communications moment drawing the global community</u> <u>together around the power of food systems to achieve the SDGs</u> – With a coordinated campaign and virtual engagement through several channels, the Summit will engage millions of people around the world.

Call to Action: Transforming our Food Systems to achieve the SDGs by 2030 (Confidential Draft)

- **Country led solutions.** 145 Member States from every corner of the world undertook national Dialogues, recognizing that while food systems differ across locations, they are universally relevant to SDG achievement. The success of the process has been driven by cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration. We must support national mechanisms that develop and implement national pathways to 2030 that build upon the national vision and dialogues. With the UN system and all relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, playing a pivotal in supporting implementation.
- Coalitions for Action. The process has inspired action at all levels and engaged new actors. Member States and stakeholders are rallying around a strategic set of priorities for action to improve our food systems. Coalitions for action are emerging around key issues: [PLACEHOLDERS] Action for Nutrition and Zero Hunger; School Meals; Food Loss and Waste; Agroecology and Sustainable Livestock and Agriculture Systems; Aquatic and Blue Foods: Living incomes and Decent Work; Resilience; and the Means of implementation finance, innovation and technology, data, governance. These Coalitions for Action will be responsive to country demands and address cross cutting priorities of gender equality and context-specific issues such as conflict settings; have strong representation of all constituencies, including indigenous peoples and youth; provide a mechanism for catalysing collective action; and motivate increased and better coordinated investments by global partners to support the implementation of country objectives in a manner aligned with the 2030 Agenda.
- Follow-up and Review. Supporting implementation at country level will not require new bureaucracies, but more responsive existing structures. At the national level, Resident Coordinators and UN Country teams will continue to support country leadership in developing and implementing national pathways with the engagement and contributions of all stakeholders.

At the global level, the Rome-based Agencies - FAO, IFAD, WFP - will jointly leverage and lead existing structures, including:

- o continued engagement across the UN System
- o facilitating appropriate connection with coalitions to support country priorities
- o support strengthening the science-policy capacities at country-level
- o consolidating country-level reporting into a report to the Secretary-General.
- Facilitate links with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)
- **Two-year Stocktaking.** A global meeting to take stock of progress will take place every two years, led by the Secretary-General.

Member State Engagement and Participation

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- The Summit is primarily a Heads of State and Government event, and Heads of State and Government will be invited to engage from all Member States around the world, both in person and virtually.
- At the same time, leaders from all other constituency groups, including youth, food producers, Indigenous Peoples, civil society, researchers, private sector, finance leaders, food workers, and cities will also be invited to engage.
- Heads of State and Government are encouraged to make political commitments on two different levels at the Summit as a pinnacle moment in the process:
 - <u>To commit to a national pathway for food systems transformation</u> that will enable their country to achieve the 2030 Agenda, and a commitment to moving them forward.
 - <u>To commit to advancing one or more of the Summit's Coalitions of Action</u> where their country will join in common cause with other Member States and non-state actors in delivering on priorities in the 2030 agenda at a regional and/or global level.
- In-person participation of Member States in the Summit at UN Headquarters will be determined by the COVID-19 protocols in place and shaped by the best available science and evidence at the time of the Summit. Those unable to participate in person will be welcomed to participate and engage through the Summit's virtual platform that will be open to all people in the world.

Draft Summit Program

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The Summit program will feature the Secretary-General's Statement of Action, Commit Discussion more than 100 Member States, the launch of priority multi-stakeholder coalitions, commitments from constituencies and eminent persons, and a clear approach to follow up and review.

Time (NYT)	Session	Focus
8-10am	The People's Plenary – Delivering the Future We Want	The session will build on momentum from the Pre-Summit, frame the Summit's deliverables, feature voices of national convenors, independent dialogues, heroes and champions, and elevate commitments from constituencies that have led throughout the Summit process.
10-11am	Opening Session - Coming through on Action for People, Planet, & Prosperity	The session will feature the UN Secretary-General's Statement of Action, build from Pre-Summit leadership, highlight tone-setting commitments from Member States and constituency leaders, and lay out the full set of multistakeholder coalitions and approaches to follow up and review.
11am-1pm	Leader Statements (Block 1)	The session will feature ~25 HoSG statements, the launch of coalitions of action, and commitments from constituency voices and eminent people.
1-3pm	Leader Statements (Block 2)	The session will feature ~25 HoSG statements, the launch of coalitions of action, and commitments from constituency voices and eminent people.
3-5pm	Leader Statements (Block 3)	The session will feature ~25 HoSG statements, the launch of coalitions of action, and commitments from constituency voices and eminent people.
5-7pm	Leader Statements (Block 4)	The session will feature ~25 HoSG statements, the launch of coalitions of action, and commitments from constituency voices and eminent people.
7-9pm	Leader Statements (Block 5)	The session will feature ~25 HoSG statements, the launch of coalitions of action, and commitments from constituency voices and eminent people.
9-10pm	Closing Session - Carrying Forward the Vision and Momentum for 2030	This session will wrap up the Summit with the DSG's closing remarks, leadership from the UN system, and recognition of the constituency leadership and commitment required to deliver on the food systems agenda throughout the Decade of Action.

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Follow Up to Summit and Review (Advisory Group)

- i. "The Special Envoy and Secretariat are working with the RBAs and CFS on an updated approach to follow up and review, building on the materials shared with the Advisory Committee in the past and the events of the Pre-Summit.
- ii. An updated paper on follow up and review will be available for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee in September."

How shall ScGroup engage ?

Engage with content (Scientific Group Strategic Agenda): 7 Opportunities for Science and Innovation Actions

- 1. Innovations to <u>end hunger</u> and increase the availability and affordability of healthy diets and nutritious foods
- 2. Innovations to <u>de-risk</u> food systems and strengthen resilience, in particular for negative emission farming and drawing on both advanced science, and traditional food knowledge.
- Innovations to overcome inefficient & unfair land, credit, labor, & natural resource use arrangements, facilitate <u>inclusion</u>, empowerment & rights of women, youth, & Indigenous Peoples
- 4. <u>Bio-science and digital innovations</u> for improving people's health, enhancing systems' productivity, and restoring ecological well-being.
- 5. Innovations to keep and where needed, regenerate productive <u>soils</u>, <u>water and landscapes</u>, and protect diversity of the agricultural genetic base and biodiversity.
- 6. Innovations for sustainable <u>aquatic foods</u>, and protection of coastal areas and oceans.
- 7. <u>Engineering and digital innovations</u> for the efficiency and inclusiveness of food systems and the empowerment of rural communities.

And with science based concepts for modes of implementation – Finance, Capacity, Governance

Emerging Tasks for the ScGroup

How shall we assist...

1. ...National level implementation of FSS actions? (needs diverse approaches depending on national science landscapes; may be typologies)

2. ...Coalitions' implementation? See a draft template for coalitions

Tittle of coalition:
[Tittle of coalition]
Main objective of the coalition:
[Describe the main objectives behind the coalition and if necessary sub-objectives]
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Science based evidence to prioritize this coalition (scientific references):
[Bring all necessary scientific evidence that justifies why this coalition needs to be prioritize. This
should include scientific papers and statistical aspects. For example the modeling results showing
that hunger can be reduced and access to healthy diets increase while at the same time reducing
the trade-offs to environment will be central]
This section should be reviewed by the scientific committee.
Mechanisms of implementation (Global to National levels):
[Describe how the coalition will bring results at the country level. For example, innovation hubs at
country level, financing platforms, food coalition arrangements, private sector mechanisms]
Strategic partners (members, private sector, civil society, academia):
[List all core member countries supporting the coalition and key partners identified at global,
regional and country level]
Monitoring and Evaluation (clear quantifiable indicators and targets linked to SDGs)
[Indicators and targets that are quantifiable should be indicated as well as how the progress will
be monitored and which will be the responsible agency]
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Next meetings ...

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October 5th

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