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# Science for the Implementation of the Action Agenda of the UNFSS – cont.

**Purpose:** to outline a **concept** for constructive contributions of science to provide evidence-based insights and offer options for national, regional, and global level implementation of the UNFSS Action agenda.

## **1. Mobilizing the science and knowledge landscape at country levels**

*(A frame provided)*

**2. Mobilizing science at regional and global level** to address trans-national issues, and international public goods issues, such as trade, food safety, climate resilience, transboundary water, science and knowledge transfers, etc. *(A frame provided)*

**3. Broadly engaging networks of the science and knowledge** in national level implementation under the leadership of national governments and the UN. Funding mechanism for the science ecosystems of support at national, regional and global levels should be developed.

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## 4. Next steps and schedule:

- i) Design details and typologies for countries' science landscapes**  
(communities in countries to map their national food system-related science ecosystem)
- ii) Modelling national issues in a regional and global context**
- iii) Framework for science support at national, regional, global levels:**  
Explore options for an inclusive global Science-Policy Interface for a sustainable food system
- iv) Science Days for follow up:** (may be annual or bi-annual. Science communities and FAO).
- v) The Scientific Group for the UN FSS completes its mandate by the end of 2021.**

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# Assessment of UNFSS and of Role of Scientific Group

- An initial brain storming on approach, criteria, principles, independence, .... perspectives by whom ... ?
- A) Assessment of UNFSS – processes, outputs, outcomes ...
- B) Assessment of Scientific Group – processes, outputs, outcomes...

# Some preliminary ideas assessing UNFSS

## Promising?

1. **Political and societal Engagement:** The world has discussed and considered **food system** at a scale like never before, with attention to nutrition and health and ecology.
2. **Science engagement attention:** The science days, open debate action oriented and massive expansion in note journals like Nature. “Global initiatives to reinforce the ambition of science-based solutions will be key to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.”
3. **Action agenda:** the UN SG statement of action, with a systems focus; Five action areas to help inform the transitions needed to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda.
4. **National level implementation** is appropriately emphasized.
5. **Some new global initiatives** (e.g. around hunger, wasting, healthy diets, women’s anaemia) have been set up. True cost/value of food, pressures on soil health and oceans given prominence.
6. ....



# Some preliminary ideas of assessing UNFSS more to be done?

1. **Clear commitment by the UN member states** to the action agenda. (Could the UN SG Statement have been negotiated and endorsed by members?)
2. **Strong finance- and investment agenda;** UN and member states to engage the Washington based and regional finance organizations IMF and WB and private finance at scale..
3. **Institutional innovations and coordination:** institutional or governance innovations and coordination for the food and health and sustainability related UN agencies
4. **Strong global level focus:** especially trade; sharing science, transboundary water; etc.
5. **Linking Food to other mega-agendas: Climate, Covid, Biodiversity** agenda.
6. ...

*Accelerate the haves, and keep reminding what still must be addressed*

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Co-Presidents of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) letter to the UN Secretary General on IAP website.

Highlights key role of science excellence for policy advice and “...we agree with the UN FSS Scientific Group that, following the Summit, there should be further exploration of the options for developing a strong, independent scientific body to provide policy advice.” “... support placing the issue on the agenda for inclusive debate...” [https://www.interacademies.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/Letter%20to%20Secretary%20General%20of%20the%20UN\\_final.pdf](https://www.interacademies.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/Letter%20to%20Secretary%20General%20of%20the%20UN_final.pdf)

This in response to an open letter to the UN Secretary General from the Chairs of CFS, and HLPE, etc. and Human Right to Food UN Special Representatives [https://www.ipes-food.org/\\_img/upload/files/UNSG\\_UNFSSOpenLetter.pdf](https://www.ipes-food.org/_img/upload/files/UNSG_UNFSSOpenLetter.pdf)

**LAST ScGroup meeting on December 17th, 14h CET (Rome time)**