



Emerging Food Systems Summit Coalitions and Initiatives

Introduction For FSS National Dialogue Convenors

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Dear National Convenor,

We write to congratulate you for all that you have done to organize inclusive national Food Systems Summit Dialogues in the lead-up to the UN Secretary-General's Food Systems Summit. Your efforts are contributing to the articulation of a vision and priority objectives for the national food system of the future. Each programme of national dialogues has led to the identification of both strengths and vulnerabilities in the national food system. In order to overcome the vulnerabilities while making the most of these strengths, further collaboration on specific issues is likely to be of benefit. Ideally this would involve multiple stakeholders and cut across a range of sectors: it could also involve more than one country, within a defined region or internationally.

Hundreds of individuals, organizations and institutions are joining forces to support the transformation of food systems in line with the ambitions of the summit. They have participated in the Summit's scientific group, action areas, and cross-cutting levers of change. They have coalesced around a number of issues that are high priority in national food systems transformation: they are proposing initiatives, alliances and coalitions to accelerate collective action. These emerging initiatives, alliances and coalitions have been inspired by the options explored during national dialogues. They are being designed to help nations and regions to advance the Summit's vision of more inclusive, resilient, equitable, and sustainable food systems by 2030. They will do this in ways that are aligned with each country's priorities and adapted to the local context.

Initiatives, alliances and coalitions are designed to offer tailored support to countries in response to their interests and priorities, on a strictly voluntary basis. Support from these initiatives, alliances and coalitions will help with the shift to future food systems by facilitating access to networks of experience and expertise, from local to global; by encouraging alignment and coherence; by catalyzing coordinated investment and collective action; by mobilizing resources, energy and political will; and by support for learning through the exchange knowledge, lessons, best practices and capacities.

As the Summit approaches, increasing numbers of national dialogues are being consolidated and are helping to shape national pathways to food systems of the future. Propositions for initiatives, alliances and coalitions are starting to emerge and they are each "nested" in one of five Summit Action Areas: 1. Nourish All People, 2. Boost Nature-Based Solutions of Production, 3. Advance Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work, & Empowered Communities, 4. Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks, and Stresses, 5. Support means of Implementation.

We attach a preliminary list of emerging FSS initiatives, alliances and coalitions, as well as the contacts of operational leads for each. Where available, we include short introductions with their initial framing, and objectives. Please contact the relevant operational leads if you have questions to pose or wish to express interest in joining (or even leading) any of them. Should your government wish to propose

additional topics for initiatives, alliances or coalitions, beyond those currently covered, please contact us at foodsystemssummit@un.org.

Each initiative, alliance or coalition is at an early stage of development, and additional material with details of framing, membership, objectives, and proposed activities, as well as answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ), will be circulated as soon as it is available. We would be pleased to receive any **indications of interest in co-creating initiatives, alliances or coalitions both in the lead-up to the Summit, and beyond.**

Thank you again. Please do not hesitate to send any follow-up questions to your contacts in the Secretariat or the Dialogues Support Service, or to the generic email address: foodsystemssummit@un.org