



The Transformation Leaders Network Concept Note

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The Transformation Leaders Network (TLN) previously engaged 150 senior practitioners and experts to pursue practical efforts for sustainable and inclusive agriculture. This community connected stakeholders from across the World Economic Forum's New Vision for Agriculture (NVA) initiative with three goals of:

- Accelerating momentum of multi-stakeholder action platforms around the world in support of inclusive, sustainable, efficient, nutritious and healthy food systems;
- Highlighting innovations and solutions for action in food systems in country and regional settings;
- Promoting decision making, and peer-to-peer food systems leadership development.

We are **re-launching the TLN** to support the objectives of the UN-led Food Systems Summit in 2021 and serve as a dynamic and agile community of systems leaders that will accelerate the transformation towards a more nutritious, sustainable, and equitable food system fit for purpose. Our aim is to:

- Connect leading game-changing efforts in global food systems with the knowledge, networks, and resources to achieve their impacts at scale;
- Increase the rate by which new models and approaches within global food systems can be replicated and scaled;
- Build a global community of systems leaders supporting each other in the shift towards a new food system;
- Develop and curate cutting edge knowledge in food systems transformation in order to support systems leaders in their work.

Food System Summit 2021

In 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres will convene a Food Systems Summit as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Scientists agree that transforming our food systems is among the most powerful ways to change course and realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda. Rebuilding the food systems of the world will also enable us to answer the UN Secretary-General's call to "build back better" from COVID-19.

Action Tracks

The Summit will pursue five specific objectives in support of its broader vision of delivering progress on all 17 SDGs:

1. **Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food** for all
2. **Shifting to sustainable consumption patterns**
3. **Boosting nature-positive production** at sufficient scale
4. **Advancing equitable livelihoods and value distribution**
5. **Building resilience** to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

In addition to the action tracks there will be a series of cross cutting levers including governance, finance, indigenous knowledge, policy, innovation and the role of gender and youth.

A Community of purpose supporting the 2021 Summit

The relaunch of the next generation of the Transformation Leaders Network includes **four key objectives** that can support the UN Food Systems Summit and continue to be a self-sustaining network of systems influence for the transformation of how we produce and consume food beyond 2021:

Promoting systems leadership

Support systems leaders from within the food community and relevant sectors like finance, climate, health, and others to unlock their networks and become positive, visionary and action orientated agents of change, and advance their collective impact.

Developing self-promoting local models and networks

Empower systems leaders to develop a self promoting local hub model and networks to foster dialogue and harness the power of collective action through use of innovative and interactive tools.

Scaling the impact of food systems game changer initiatives

Build a network of dedicated systems leaders to support the acceleration of gamechanger initiatives at country, regional and global levels in support of summit outcomes and food systems transformation in the long-term.

Unlocking Systems of Influence

Create and enable a nexus of systems leader networks to identify, catalyse and scale action across the next generation of initiatives with pre-competitive multi-stakeholder market-led approaches and stay globally connected to deepen their systems influence.

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Members of the community are from leading organizations around the world committed to leading change in the transformation of the food system. With the help of partner organizations and peers within the community, the members:

- Develop their leadership capacity in creating systems change;
- Give and receive help on transformational projects;
- Develop active relationships with peers from across the food system.

Examples of impact clusters

The TLN contribution towards the action agenda for UN Food Systems Summit 2021 will move through several impact clusters in support of system changing initiatives and co-evolving system leadership knowledge both in theory and practice.

- **Food Action Alliance**
Develop capacities for flagships under the Food Action Alliance as they collectively work towards delivering impact at scale on food value chains to achieve sustainable food systems.
- **Food Systems Gamechanger Lab**
Support the goals of the Summit Action Tracks to strengthen local value chains, improve nutrition, promote the reuse/recycling of food resources, especially among the most vulnerable.
- **System Leadership Action Learning Hub**
Skills, talent and knowledge collective learning modules, peer to peer exchange, mentoring and more.

Within the Impact Clusters, the TLN will work around 4 main leadership topics: **Tradeoffs in systems work, Institutional change, Mindset shifts, Scaling multi-stakeholder partnerships.**

Partner Organizations

The Transformation Leaders Network aims to convene individual and institutional leaders including representatives of networks from agri-food and other industries, government and multilateral agencies, civil society, farmer organizations, consumer advocates and communities, innovators and entrepreneurs, youth leaders, academia, and systems thinkers from around the world. Leading organizations dedicated to the next generation of the Transformation Leaders Network including the following partners: *The Rockefeller Foundation, EAT, Syngenta Foundation, 4SD, UNDP, American Farmland Trust, Harvard University, TPI, The Value Web, World Economic Forum (Platform for Global Public Goods and Uplink, Global Shapers, Young Global Leaders).*

Key Milestones

Transformation Leaders Network Virtual Gathering, 27-28 April 2021

Highly interactive virtual workshop, injecting the dynamism, entrepreneurship, and energy from the next-gen transformational leaders to build communities of impact.

Download the TLN Gathering Summary [here](#).

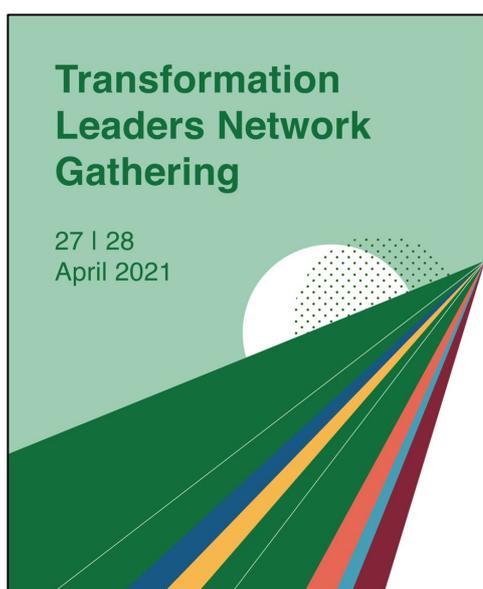
Sustainable Development Impact Summit, 20-24 September 2021

The Summit will convene leaders from government, business, international organizations and civil society along with a diverse group of experts and innovators to tackle climate change and advance sustainable development.

TLN Affiliate Session – ‘System Leadership for Sustainable Food Systems’
[\(link\)](#)

UN Food Systems Summit, 23 September 2021

The Summit will launch bold new actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs, each of



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