

UN Food Systems Summit:

overview, key outcomes and next steps

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“

Food systems **hold the power** to realize our shared vision for a better world.”

READ, the Secretary-General's Chair Summary and Statement of Action on the UN Food Systems Summit



FSS basic facts

- Part of the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs by 2030
- Vision: empower all people to leverage the power of food systems to drive our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and get us back on track to achieve all 17 SDGs by 2030
- Convened by UN SG - 23rd September 2021 as a starting point
- Expectations: Actionable commitments by Head of States



Overall “portfolio of action”

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

1	Secretary General’s Statement of Action - Areas of Convergence			
	People	Planet		Prosperity
2	National Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies	Member State Statements on National Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies (spanning the 2030 Agenda and Goals; Drawing on all possible actions and solutions prioritized)		
3	Regional Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies	Regional Group Statements on Regional Food Systems Transformation Pathways / Strategies (spanning the 2030 Agenda and Goals; Drawing on all possible actions and solutions prioritized)		
4	Action Areas	Nourish All People	Boost Nature-Based Solutions of Production	Advance Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work, & Empowered Communities
		Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks, and Stresses		
		Support Means of Implementation (Finance; Governance; Science and Knowledge; Innovation, Technology, & Data; Capacity; Human Rights)		
5	Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives and Constituency Commitments	Multi-stakeholder initiatives and hundreds of complementary stakeholder commitments from actors at local, national, and global level posted on a digital platform space		
6	Knowledge Base	Compendium		
7	Follow Up and Review	Approach to Follow Up and Review		

Action tracks and relevance for forests

Over 2000 ideas, grouped in 5 Action Tracks:

- 1- Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all
- 2- Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
- 3- **Boost nature-positive production**
- 4- Advance equitable livelihoods

ACTION TRACK #3:
**BOOST
NATURE-POSITIVE
PRODUCTION**



Protect

Protect natural ecosystems against new conversions for food and feed production.



Manage

Manage existing food production systems sustainably, to the benefit of both nature and people.



Restore and rehabilitate

Restore and rehabilitate degraded ecosystems and soil function for sustainable food production.



Outcomes

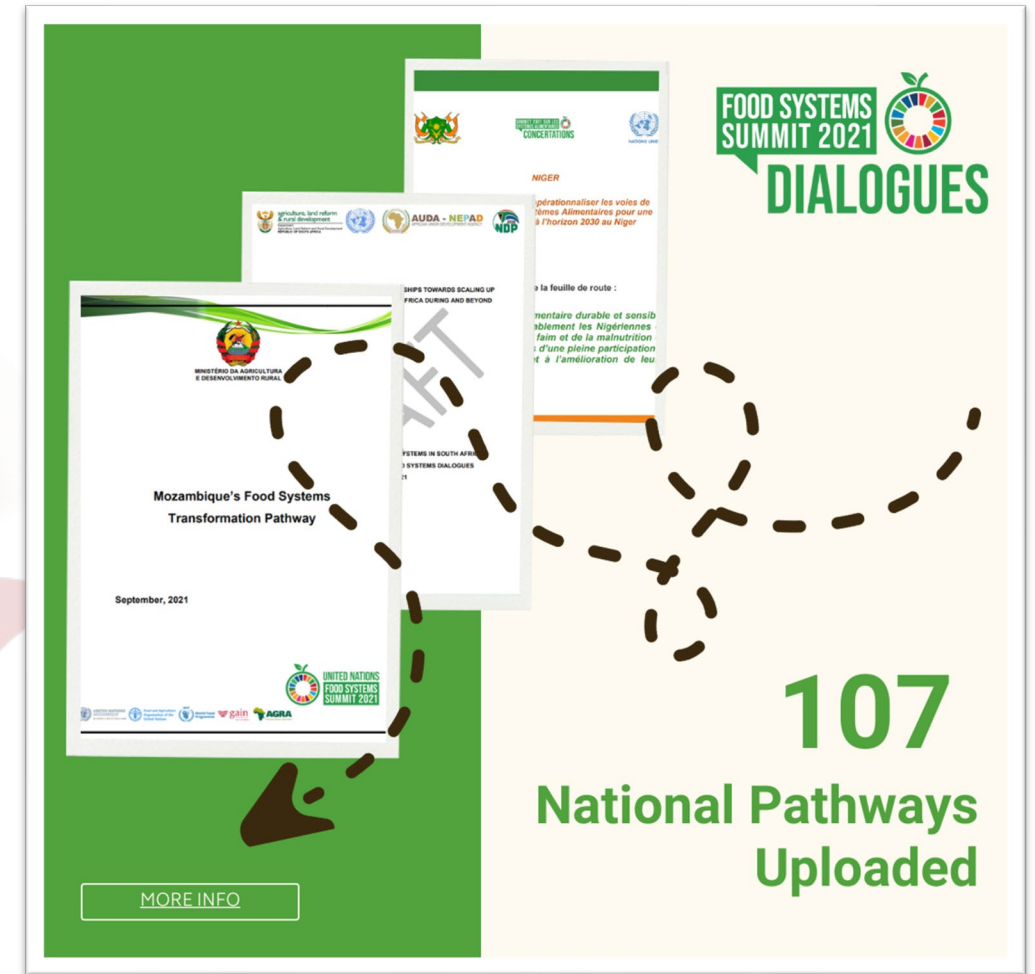


- Created **momentum** and political attention on food systems, including on turning the tide on deforestation (51k people tuned in from 193 countries)
- **Dialogue programmes / critical mass**
 - 11 Global dialogues, 1600 Member states & Independent dialogues – including [“Halting deforestation: approaches and tools for forest-positive commodity value chains”](#)
 - 107,000 total participants
- **200+ [commitments](#)** from civil society, indigenous peoples, youth ([link](#))

Outcomes – National pathways

107 Member States have posted National Pathways on the [Food Systems Summit Gateway](#).

- **Living documents** that provide emerging national strategies for transformation of their food systems
- **Key entry point** to support countries enhancing production while managing forest-agriculture trade-offs



Outcomes - Coalitions launched

- **Multi-stakeholder coalitions launched** - Key role in fostering alignment and coherence, catalyzing collective action, mobilize energy and **political will**, transferring less
- Special mention to:

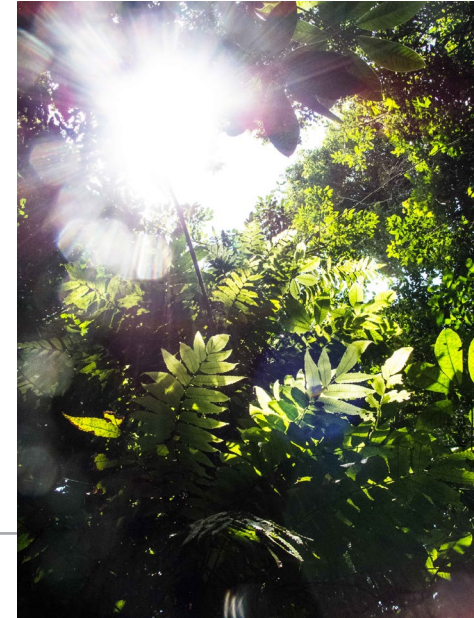
Halting Deforestation & Conversion from Agricultural Commodities

Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA), Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU); FAO; WWF; WRI; Good Growth Partnership; Green Commodities Programme; WEF; The Nature Conservancy; UN-REDD Programme; GIZ

Key follow up and connection with [FACT dialogue](#) and [Glasgow leaders' declaration on forests and land use](#)

Coalition on Better Data Better Decisions for Nature-Positive Production

FAO and CIFOR-ICRAF, World Economic Forum, World Resources Institute, Climate Focus, World Vision, Society for Ecological Restoration, IUCN, African Union.



What's next?



- 'Coordination Hub' led by the Rome-based UN Agencies (hosted in FAO DG office, staffed by RBAs, UNDP, UNEP, WHO secondments);
- Further development and implementation of National Pathways;
- Continued dialogues and Coalitions' support work;
- Annual reporting: SG to HLPF; Resident Coordinators to SG;
- Impact evaluation in two years

What's next?

Within FAO:

- Strengthening the science-policy interface;
- More and better targeted and sustained investments;
- Targeted interventions on Research and Development;
- Reducing food loss & waste: including **more efficient**

“Breaking the silos”: e.g. **COFO-COAG common agenda item** on “Agriculture, Food Systems and Deforestation.”

Food Systems Summit - "From New York back to Rome," FAO takes on lead role in implementing outcomes

Director-General QU Dongyu pledges working with all to transform agri-food systems



Thank you

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