

# ACTION TRACK #5: BUILD RESILIENCE TO VULNERABILITIES, SHOCKS AND STRESS



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## ACTION TRACK 5

### DISCUSSION NOTE

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# DEFINITION OF “RESILIENCE”

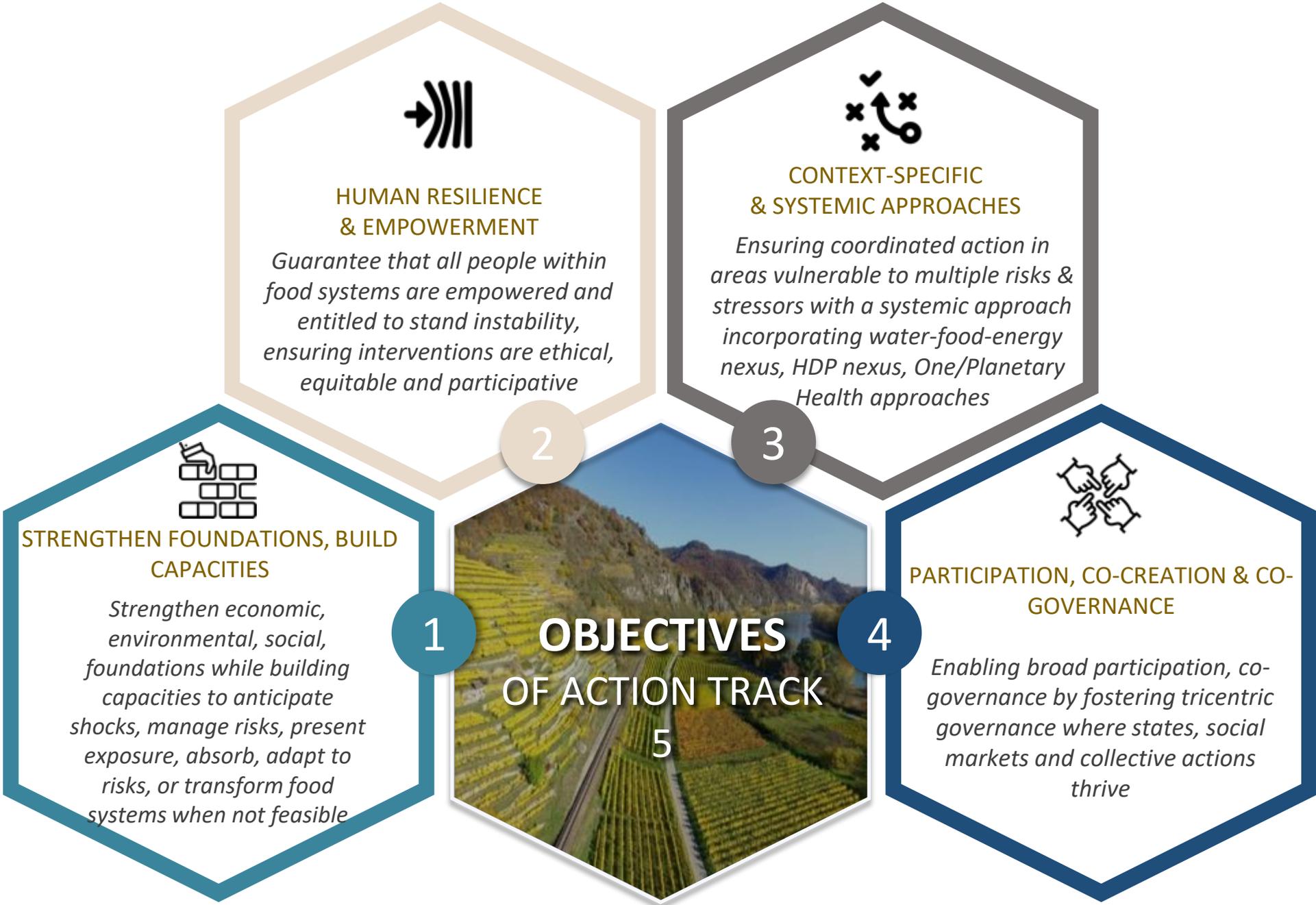
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*The ability of **individuals, households, communities, cities, institutions, systems and societies** to **prevent, resist, absorb, adapt, respond and recover** positively, efficiently and effectively when faced with a wide range of risks, while maintaining an acceptable level of functioning without compromising **long-term prospects for sustainable development, peace and security, human rights and well-being for all.***

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UN COMMON GUIDANCE ON HELPING BUILD  
RESILIENT SOCIETIES  
(2020)





# FOCUS

## RESILIENCE TO WHAT?

- Conflict & Instability
- Climate extremes
- Economic shocks
- Pandemics
- Poverty & inequality

*(Global Report on Food Crises, 2020)*



## FOCUS & CONSIDERATIONS

## RESILIENCE FOR WHOM?

- Institutional
- Ecosystem/Landscape/ Seascape
- Community
- Household
- Individual

# CONSIDERATIONS

## CAPACITIES OF RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

- Anticipate shocks
- Prevent
- Risk Management
- Absorb
- Adapt to an evolving risk scenario & compounded risks
- Transform when current FS is no longer sustainable

## COMPONENTS OF FOOD SECURITY

- Availability
- Access
- Stability
- Utilization (nutrition and food safety)
- Agency
- Sustainability

*(HLPE Report on Food Security and Nutrition, 2020)*



# GAME CHANGING SOLUTIONS: METHODOLOGY

## ONLINE SURVEY & PAPER SOLUTIONS



- Survey developed to collect ideas for potential solutions
- Invited stakeholders & members of public to submit solutions
- Circulated a call for proposals for more space to develop and submit in-depth solutions

## CHANNEL TO WORKING GROUPS



- **167 solutions** channelled to working groups: *environmental, social, economic, peace & cross-cutting*
- Working Groups were also invited to generate and submit solutions

## APPLY UNFSS CRITERIA



- All solutions reviewed and assessed through UNFSS common criteria of **Sustainability, Actionability, Scalability** potentials
- Each solution has explanation on the problem, solution, and why they align to the summit's game-changing objectives

## CLUSTER TO THEMATIC PACKAGES



- Based on the screening and review of survey proposals, **25 solutions that satisfied the UNFSS and resilience criteria were retained**

## ACTION AREAS



- In process of convergence between five Action Tracks (ATs), each action track identified three priority/action areas (AA) (explained in other slide)
- **69 ideas (23 individual + 46 Member States ideas) have been vetted, docked in the three main AAs**

Out of  
**167**  
SOLUTIONS



**46**  
SOLUTIONS FROM 11 MEMBER STATES



**121**  
SURVEY SUBMITTED SOLUTIONS





## 2030 Vision

V1. All people eating adequate, healthy, safe and sustainable diets

V2. Resilient, health-improving nature positive food systems

V3. Dignified livelihoods for those involved in the production, aggregation, processing, distribution, consumption and disposal of food products that originate from agriculture, forestry or fisheries

V4. Thriving, resilient and empowered communities and individuals across generations

## OUTCOMES

O1. All people have enough income to secure adequate food to end hunger

O2. Safe nutritious food can be accessed by all people to address all forms of malnutrition

O3. Healthy foods are center stage and unhealthy foods no longer in the spotlight

O4. ONE Health (Human, Animal, and Environmental) is understood and valued worldwide and diets aligned accordingly

O5. A circular bioeconomy promotes food waste reduction and reuse, and a food/water/energy/soils nexus approach

O6. Producers are incentivized to adopt carbon-negative solutions that rely on regenerative and restorative practices for soil and water management

O7. Biodiversity on soil, land, freshwater and oceans are protected, well managed and restored for the resilience of current and future generations

O8. Food systems are fair, supported by more equitably distributed power, diversified livelihoods, decent work conditions and wages, rights & agency are respected & protected, esp. for the most under-represented

O9. Food Systems are resilient to economic, climate, conflict and pandemic shocks at individual, household, community and landscape level, in fragile and non-fragile settings

O10. Social cohesion and peace are enhanced by good inclusive, participatory, rights-based governance and integrative approaches such as Humanitarian--Development--Peace nexus

## ENABLERS

E1. Transformational & systemic political actions are taken by national governments that are, science based & investible, underpinned by inclusive & accountable legal frameworks & governance

E2. Inclusive & systemic access to innovations, knowledge sharing, technical assistance, R&D, finance, practice-based evidence & data

E3. Empowered participatory local governance

E4. Land & water tenure rights are guaranteed, & access to natural resources, services & infrastructure are promoted for all

E5. Prices, wages & value reflect the true cost of food

E6. Behavior change & shift towards more responsible & accountable business practices

E7. Financial resources scaled up & re-purposed & trade agreements aligned with sustainable food systems outcomes

E8. Protect children & youth and promote access to education to leverage agency

E9. Women have power to lead & take decisions

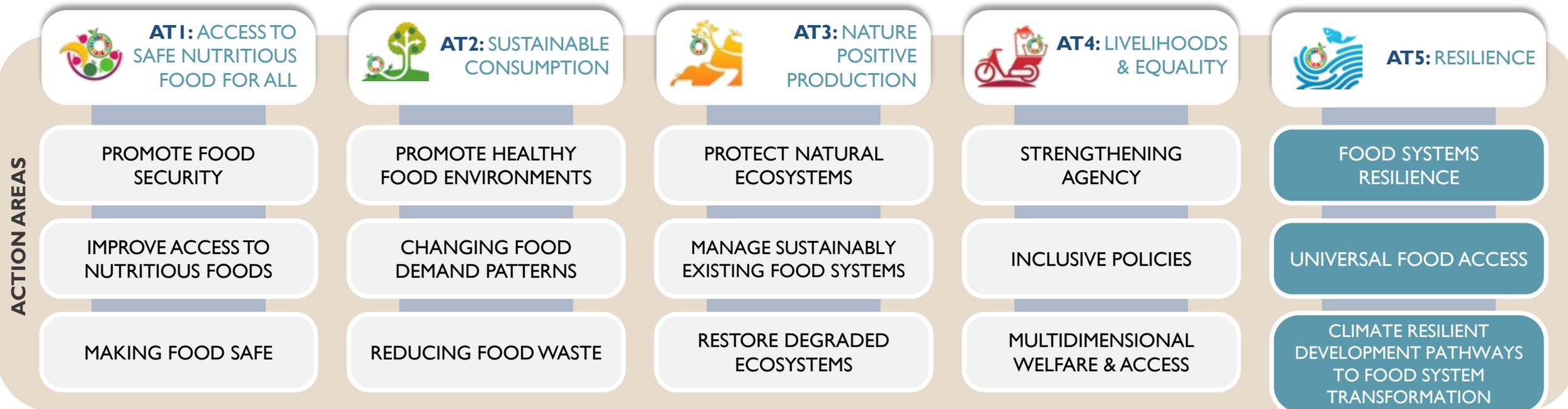
E10. IPs empowered & indigenous knowledge valued and promoted

*Food Systems transformed via clusters of game changers collectively advancing these outcomes & strengthening these enablers*

Human, political, social, economic & environmental resilience

# INTRODUCING ACTION AREAS

- The Synthesis papers of all ATs present the result of ideas submitted between December and February, integrated across Action Track teams (with the support of cross-cutting Levers of Change) and consolidated into approximately 25 potential game-changing propositions.
- These propositions fall under **15 (3x5 ATs) action areas**.
- Such areas would be the **starting point of coalitions of action** which could help national governments & multi-stakeholders adopt, on a voluntary basis, **transformational pathways, associated policy and behavioral shifts** towards more sustainable food systems.



# AT5 PRIORITY ACTION AREAS



## 1. FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE

### 1.1 INTEGRATIVE NEXUS APPROACHES

Humanitarian- Development- Peace Nexus

Water-Food-Energy Nexus

### 1.2 MULTI-RISK REDUCTION / MANAGEMENT

**Investments to reduce impacts of multiple risks:** conflict, climate extremes, economic shocks, pandemics.

Examples of vulnerable settings include:

- Small Island States & Coastal Areas
- Arid & Semi Arid Lands and Deserts



## 2. UNIVERSAL FOOD ACCESS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Enacting food as a public good and upscaling safety nets (mirroring **health & education** schemes) considering:

- Learnings on food/social systems resilience from COVID-19



## 3. CLIMATE-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE FOOD SYSTEMS TO REACH THE SDGs

National Policy and Action Plans for Resilient Food Systems 2030 aligned with National Adaptation plans (NAP), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans & Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to meet the SDGs