United Nations Food Systems Summit Update

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Recap of WFP’s support to the Food Systems Summit

Objective: Elevate the public discourse and pitch of global policy agendas around the importance of food systems in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Encourage significant action to build the resilience of food systems, mitigate against food insecurity and malnutrition, reduce vulnerabilities to shocks, prevent conflict and promote peace.

WFP as Anchor Agency:

➢ Supports the Action Track (AT) 5 co-chairs at both the strategic decision-making and operational levels
➢ Contributes technical expertise to AT products, solutions and collaboration across Food Systems Summit (FSS) structures. Reviews and consolidates proposals for game-changing solutions. Supports synthesis reporting.
➢ Co-leads two action areas and seven solution clusters under the AT.

WFP has embedded Senior-Level Staff across all five Action Tracks and four Levers of Change.

WFP works with the Scientific Group by contributing data and analysis (e.g., True Cost of Food paper)

WFP and resources/capacities: Committed USD 1.5 million to the Trust Fund. Two staff members seconded to the Summit Secretariat. WFP human-resources, finance, legal, procurement and WFP’s Nairobi offices are working closely with the Summit Secretariat to ensure back-office support.

National Dialogues: WFP is supporting engagement country level-led dialogues coordinated by Mr. David Nabarro. Over 20 country offices have engaged in national dialogues.
WFP’s role in the Food Systems Summit: Action Areas and Solution Clusters Explained

**AT 1: Safe and Nutritious Food**

- **AA: Promote Food Security, End Hunger**
  - Empower Small-holders
  - Cold Chains Energy
  - Inputs and Tech
  - End Hunger, Nourish the Future Pledge

- **AA: Improve Access to Nutritious Food**
  - Children’s Diets
  - Women Empowerment
  - SMEs Finance

- **AA: Making Food Safe**
  - Food Safety Knowledge
  - Food Safety Solutions
  - Food System Pathways and Data

**AT 2: Sustainable Consumption**

- **AA: Enabling, inspiring and motivating people to enjoy healthy and sustainable options**
  - Information Investment
  - One Health
  - Alternative Proteins
  - Food Environment

**AT 3: Nature Positive Production**

- **AA: Protecting natural ecosystems from deforestation and conversion**
  - Land-fresh water nexus
  - Agri-food support
  - Deforestation free and conversion free supply chains

**AT 4: Equitable Livelihoods**

- **AA: Rebuilding Agency within Food Systems**
  - Community and Indigenous Peoples’ Empowerment
  - Capacity Strengthening
  - Gender

- **AA: Localize Food Systems**
  - Integrated Policies
  - Inclusive Investments

**AT 5: Resilience to Shocks and Stresses**

- **AA: Food Systems Resilience**
  - HDP Nexus
  - Integrated Approach Nexus

- **AA: Universal Food Access**
  - Local Production for Local Consumption
  - Global / National Supply Chains

- **AA: Climate Resilient Development**
  - Climate Adapt/Mitigate
  - Climate Risk & Mgmt.

**LEGEND**

- WFP co-leading (Action Area)
- WFP co-leading (Solution Cluster)
- WFP participating (Solution Cluster)
- WFP not participating (Solution Cluster)
- WFP submitted solutions
Pre-Summit and Next Steps

• **Coalitions at the NY Summit:** WFP is engaging in the formation of coalitions to be launched at the New York Summit. Coalitions will take forward specific solutions in response to country priorities. Coalitions are open to all stakeholder groups including Member States, United Nations Agencies, Civil Society and individual private sector organizations who abide by the United Nations Food Systems Summit Principles of Engagement.

• **Pre-Summit:** WFP is a member of the Pre-Summit Steering Committee and is supporting the Italian Government, which is planning and organizing the event. WFP has co-proposed several parallel sessions that encompass nutrition-sensitive social protection, school meals, local procurement/financing, innovation for food systems transformation, Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus, indigenous peoples' rights and knowledge and gender inequalities.

• **Post-Summit:** As the Secretary-General’s Statement of Action develops, it will become clearer as to where WFP may be best placed to support any follow-up action and activities. Any potential mandate of the Rome Based Agencies, including WFP, to follow up on the Summit’s outcomes will be discussed in the coming months, and ultimately be approved by WFP’s Executive Board.

• **Corporate:** WFP sees post Summit activities, as well as the results of the synthesis report of Member State dialogues, as a way to apply the food systems lens for our assessment, analytical and programme design work. We are currently undertaking internal workshops to streamline the food systems approach and reflect it in our new Strategic Plan 2022-2026, as well as our Country Strategic Plans.