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Background:

- In September 2021, the 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.
- The Summit will launch bold new actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable and equitable food systems.
- The Summit will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food. It is a summit for everyone everywhere – a people’s summit. It is also a solutions summit that will require everyone to take action to transform the world’s food systems.
- Guided by five Action Tracks, the Summit will bring together key players from the worlds of science, business, policy, healthcare and academia, as well as farmers, indigenous people, youth organizations, consumer groups, environmental activists, and other key stakeholders. Before, during and after the Summit, these actors will come together to bring about tangible, positive changes to the world’s food systems

What Does the Summit Aim to Achieve?

The Summit process aims to deliver the following outcomes:

1. Generate significant action and measurable progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Summit will succeed in identifying solutions and leaders, and issuing a call for action at all levels of the food system, including national and local governments, companies and citizens.
2. Raise awareness and elevate public discussion about how reforming our food systems can help us all to achieve the SDGs by implementing reforms that are good for people and planet.

3. Develop principles to guide governments and other stakeholders looking to leverage their food systems to support the SDGs. These principles will set an optimistic and encouraging vision in which food systems play a central role in building a fairer, more sustainable world.
4. Create a system of follow-up and review to ensure that the Summit's outcomes continue to drive new actions and progress. This system will allow for the sharing of experiences, lessons and knowledge; it will also measure and analyse the Summit's impact.

UNFSS FIVE (5) Action Tracks

1. Ensure Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All

- enabling all people to be well nourished and healthy, progressive realization of the right to food.

2. Shift to Sustainable Consumption Patterns

- promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets, reducing waste.

3. Boost Nature-Positive Production at Sufficient Scales

- acting on climate change, reducing emissions and increasing carbon capture, regenerating and protecting critical ecosystems and reducing food loss and energy usage, without undermining health or nutritious diets.

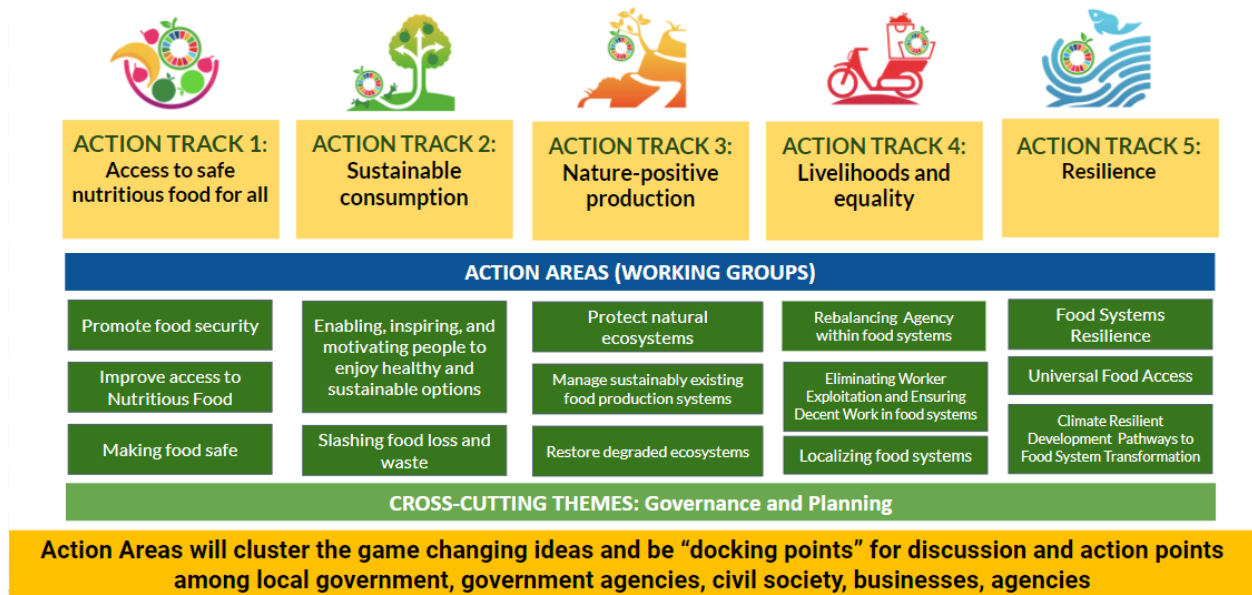
4. Advance Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution

- raising incomes, distributing risk, expanding inclusion, promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all.

5. Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses

- ensuring the continued functionality of healthy and sustainable food systems.

UNFSS ACTION TRACKS



Expectations for Member States:

To discuss food system, what's working and not, what is a priority to improve, and to identify priority actions moving forward on the road to the Summit moment. It will look to intentionally build synergies with the many existing efforts, initiatives, and alliances in place or underway.

- Provide on the ground expertise for the direction of the Action Track and ensure it is accounting for government perspectives.
- Promote and advocate for the work of the Action Tracks at governmental level and ensure participation and dialogue across government.
- Conduct inclusive dialogues for the Food Systems Summit at national level and, where relevant, bring relevant findings into the work of action track.
- Lead mechanisms to drive implementation of proposed changes post-Summit

UN Food Systems Pre-Summit in Rome, Italy

26-28 July 2021

- Ahead of the UN Food Systems Summit, which will take place in September 2021 in New York, the Government of Italy is hosting a **Pre-Summit in Rome** from **26–28 July 2021**.
- The event will consolidate the progress that has been achieved through the Summit's wide-ranging process of diverse public engagement, consultations and data gathering that began in 2020, setting the stage for an ambitious and productive Summit in September.
- The three-day gathering aims to deliver the latest evidence-based and scientific approaches from around the world, launch a set of new commitments through coalitions of action and mobilize new financing and partnerships.
- The Pre-Summit will be held in hybrid format - with an in-person component in the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Headquarters that will be complemented by a virtual program and platform.
- Pre-Summit Key Activities:
 - ✦ **26 July 2021** - Opening Plenary and Official Pre-Summit Ceremony
 - ✦ **27 July 2021** - Ministerial Roundtables to explore country views and priorities in developing food systems transformation pathways to 2030
 - ✦ **28 July 2021** - Synthesis Plenary to take stock of all discussions and contributions in the three-day event and closing plenary.

National Food Systems Dialogue in the Philippines

13-14 July 2021

- The National Food Systems Summit Dialogues are led by governments and can be used to identify priorities for food systems of the future in ways that reflect the full range of the Sustainable Development Goals and engage different in-country stakeholders.
- Upon invitation conveyed through the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Gustavo Gonzales, the DA Secretary William D. Dar accepted his designation as the country's National Convenor for the UNFSS to be held in September 2021 in New York, USA.
- As National Dialogue Convenor for the Philippines, the DA Secretary will be in a position to catalyze unprecedented engagement of stakeholders in the preparations for the summit, make major contributions to food systems that are fit for the future and accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- In recognition of the urgency of organizing the Food Systems Dialogues as contributions to the Food Systems Summit, the Philippines Department of Agriculture will spearhead the conduct of the **National Food Systems Dialogue on 13-14 July 2021**. The event embraced the Summit principles of engagement: Act with Urgency, Commit to the Summit, Be Respectful, Recognize Complexity, Embrace Multi Stakeholder Inclusivity, Complement the Work of Others, and Build Trust.
- The two-day event will be held on **13-14 July 2021** and will take a hybrid format, with a small in-person component complemented by a vast virtual platform.
- Guided by the UNFSS five (5) Action Tracks, the National Food Systems Dialogue will serve as the convergence activity that will guide the crafting and development of the proposals, programs, partnerships and activities for the various key players in agriculture, policymaking, business, food aid, and indigenous communities.
- This event is expected to result in the shaping of national pathways to sustainable food systems and expressions of intention to support the pathways from a broad range of stakeholders, providing opportunities for these stakeholders to engage in preparations for the Summit through structured interactions.