



# The Convergence Initiative



# UNFSS+4 Main Objectives



## 1. Reflecting on Progress

Reflections on what has been accomplished, the lessons learned, and the challenges that remain.

## 2. Partnering, Tracking Commitments and Accounting for Outcomes


The roles, commitments, and contributions of state and NSAs will be reviewed to identify critical gaps, missing actors, and strengthen engagement.

## 3. Unlocking Finance and Increasing Investments


Support countries to create environments that address barriers to investment, reinvigorate partnerships, and apply new tools/innovations that lead to action-oriented outcomes.



## The Convergence Initiative based in two urgent calls:



The **UN Secretary-General's Call to Action for Accelerated Food Systems Transformation** released at the UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2) in July 2023



**COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action**  
endorsed by the heads of 160 Member States.

**Objective:** Support national efforts to advance the alignment between the “food systems transformation (FST)” and “climate action (CA)” agendas to enable governments and stakeholders at the national level to strengthen synergetic action that will simultaneously support the achievement of the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

### Outputs:



Convergence Action Blueprints (CABs) developed in **5-10 countries**



Convergence Dialogues in **20 countries**



**5 regional** capacity development workshops



**Toolkit** for enhancing capacity-building

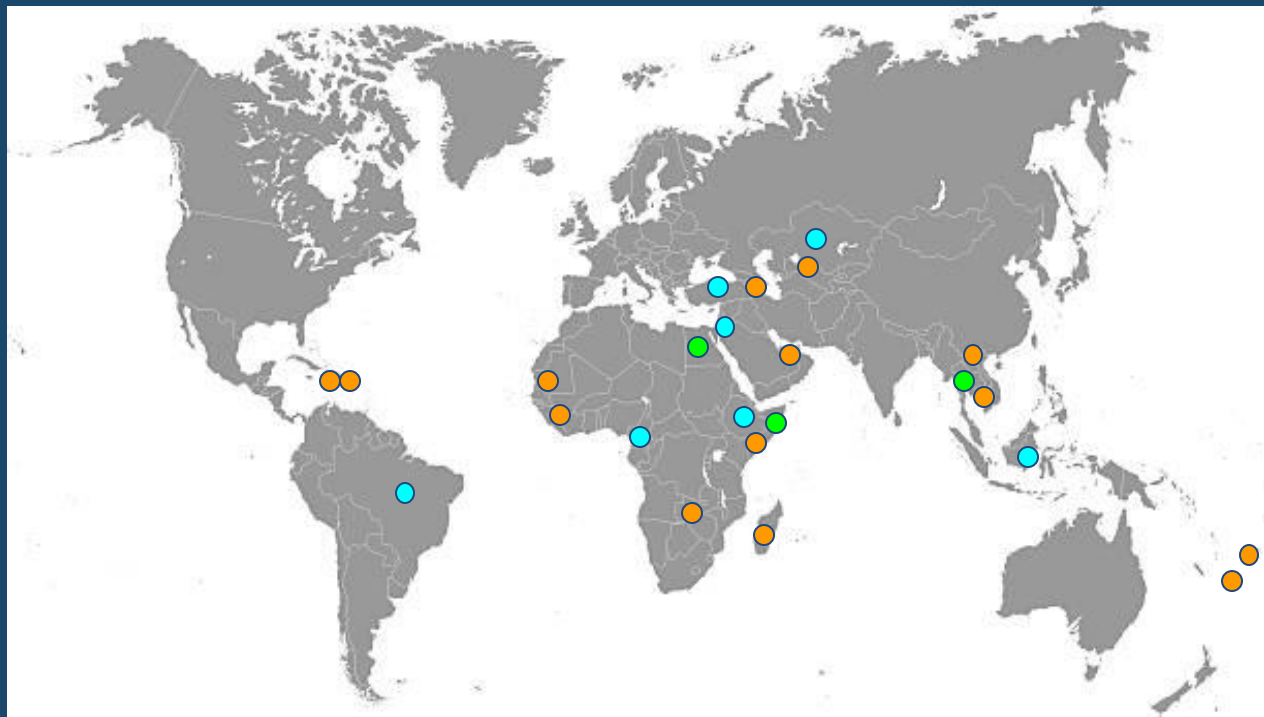
## Implemented and upcoming countries

## Convergence Action Blueprint:

- Completed: Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, and Türkiye.
- Upcoming: Egypt, Thailand, and Somalia.

## Convergence Dialogue:

- Invited: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Iraq, Fiji, Madagascar, Mauritania, Samoa, UAE,
- Upcoming: Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Uzbekistan, Zambia.



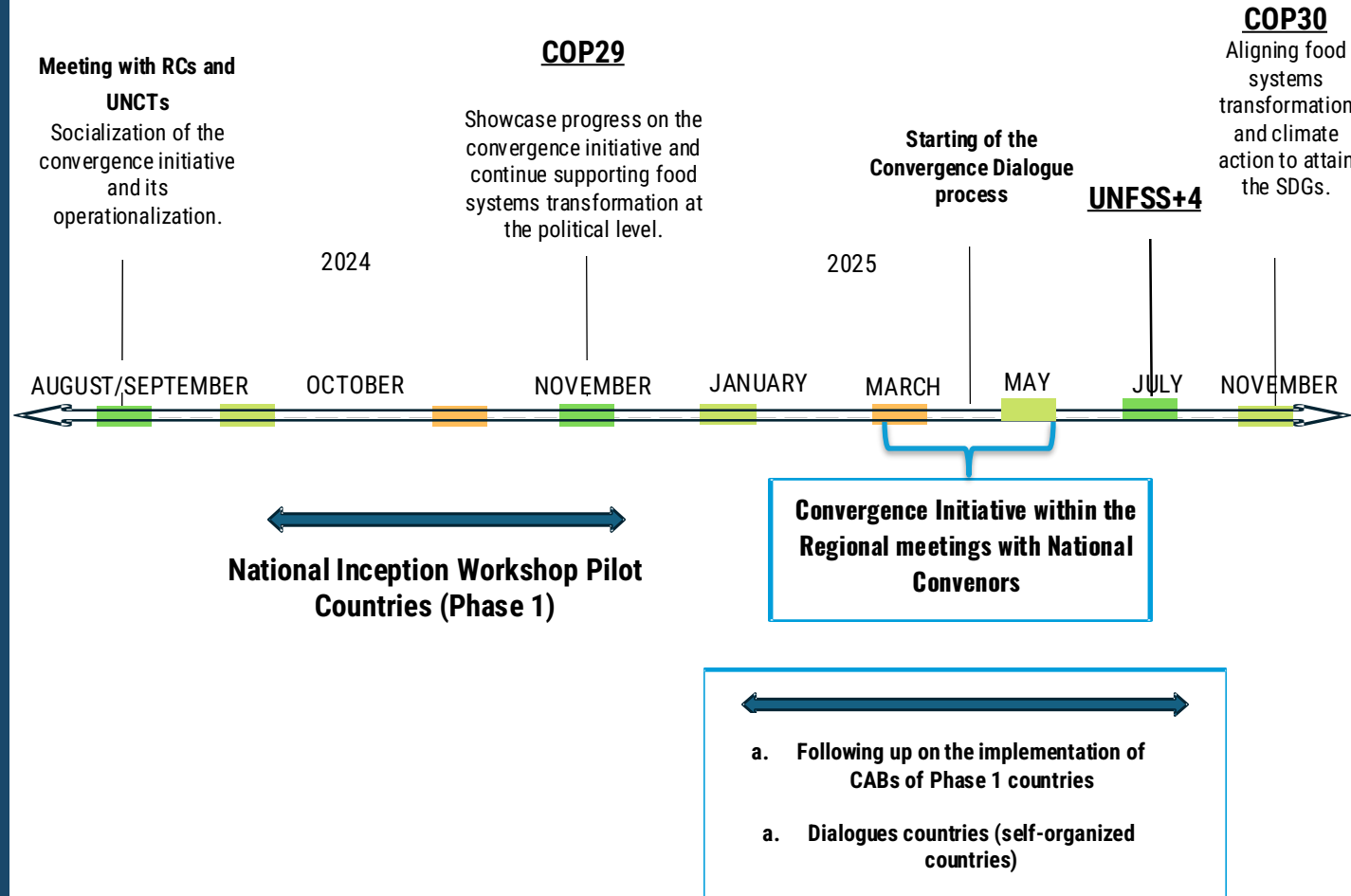
● **Completed Convergence Action Blueprint countries**

● **Upcoming Convergence Action Blueprint countries**

- **Convergence Dialogue countries**



# Where we are at the implementation of the Convergence Initiative



# The convergence process

**FACILITATE** (upon demand)  
national processes aimed at exploring  
and identifying alignment between the  
mandates and priorities of the FST and  
CA teams as well as opportunities  
for synergetic action.

**EMPOWER** the National Food Systems  
Convenors to advance such alignment  
through multi-sectoral co-design  
processes and peer-learning.



**NURTURE** links with relevant global  
and regional processes to ensure  
complementarity of action and avoid  
duplication of efforts and resources.

**SAFEGUARD** a whole-society approach  
to be followed via the active engagement  
of various stakeholders in an inclusive  
co-design process.

# The implementation approach



## Country Ownership

Convergence dialogues are nationally led, reflecting each country's unique priorities and characteristics

## One-UN Approach

Provide assistance to country through the ecosystem of support

## Implementation

Convergence has proven effective and needed in all countries - space to align food systems and climate and address real needs

## Tailored-made approach

Different thematic focus, speed and implementation structures

## Kazakhstan

23 - 24 October 2024

**Financing:** Integrate climate-smart incentives into state support and concessional financing systems, encouraging participants to adopt sustainable technologies and practices.

**Policy linkages:** CAB and dialogue outcomes will support the development of the first National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

## Brazil

29 - 31 October 2024

**Mapping of available resources** and discussion on the mobilization of new resources, ie. shared programs, taxes, diversifying funding mechanisms, interministerial cross-cutting fund portfolio.

## Indonesia

6 - 8 November 2024

**Triple-win intervention areas** mapped through the priorities in the National Pathways and Enhanced NDCs

**Governance:** Supported the positioning with the new administration in place and development of the Food Coordination Ministry, and emphasized climate within nutrition action plans and stakeholder collaboration, revision of food systems national pathway.

## Türkiye

10 - 12 December 2024

**Formation of a Convergence Group**, led by the National Convenor Office (NCO) in coordination with UN system in Türkiye, coordinated by the FAO and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator.

CAB to be used as a resource mobilization tool/guidance for grants and programming.

## Ethiopia

15 - 17 January 2025

**Further work on the climate modelling to understand the impacts of climate on food systems.**

Through the elaboration of Bankable Projects, encourage public and private investment in food-systems infrastructure, including strategic value chains, and accelerate investments in key priority areas to help mitigate the impacts of climate hazards.

## Jordan

4 - 6 February 2025

**Interventions:** Align the National Food Security Strategy and Climate Adaptation Plan. Integrate food system priorities into NDCs 3.0. Establish a Convergence Group within the Food Security Council

## Cameroon

25-26 Feb 2025

**Governance** - Strengthen the coordination of research institutions and Academia with decision-makers to inform evidence-based processes, making use of available data and recommendations coming from the science community

# Convergence Initiative workshop outputs - examples



# Next phase – Dialogue Countries approach..

## National-led implementation –

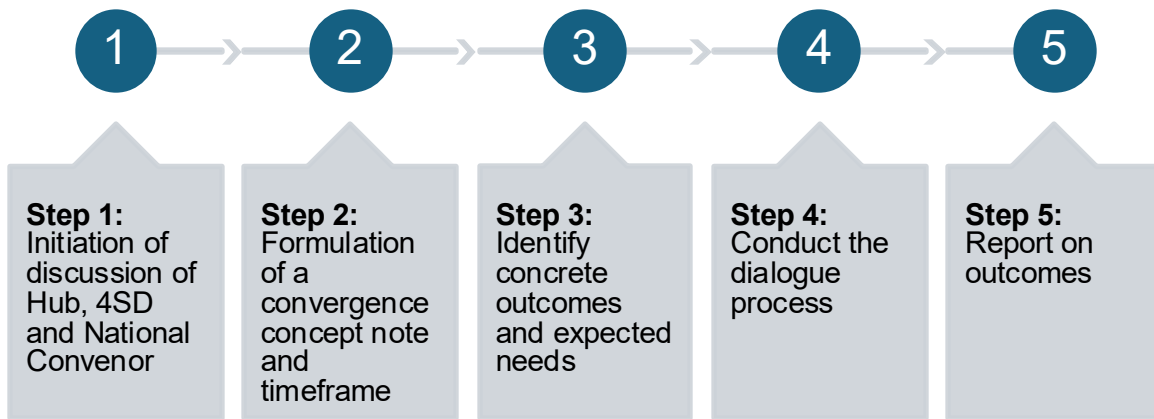
The National Convenor initiates, with the support of the UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Hub, a dialogue process to examine challenges and priorities on converging food systems transformation and climate action from different perspectives.

**1. Establishes a National Convergence Group**, which convenes, if necessary, additional Convergence Dialogues at intervals in ways that facilitate the sharing of perspectives between agrifood and climate action interests

**2. Conduct Dialogue and exploration of interventions**  
Based on the Dialogue, the country could decide to either move to a blueprint process (see below), to continue the dialogue process or identify another modality for the way forward.

**3. Decision on the way forward** this include the commitment of the country to develop a Convergence Action Blueprint or to continue with another set of actions.

# Next phase – Dialogue Countries approach..



## Role of the National Convenor

Overall leadership, accountability and results

## Role of the Hub

Strategic Guidance, technical and financial support

## Role of 4SD

Engagement and technical support throughout the process



# Next steps

## Regional meetings

UNFSS+4 Regional Preparatory Meetings - 2025 Forum on Sustainable Development: **Dedicated session(s) to the Convergence Initiative.**

National Convenors to submit a **questionnaire**, which will be complemented by **standardized interviews** during regional preparatory meetings, to provide additional insights into national priorities and the Convergence outcomes.

## Questionnaire and Interviews

# Preparations for UNFSS+4 and COP30

## UNFSS+4

Report on progress made in integrating food systems, climate, and biodiversity agendas by showcasing key policy advancements, financing mechanisms mobilized, and tangible impacts on food systems transformation.

The UNFSS+4 will serve as a platform to share lessons learned, highlight success stories, and reinforce commitments to scaling up convergence efforts.

## COP30

Demonstrating how convergence-driven actions contribute to climate adaptation and mitigation and support the SDGs. Countries will present concrete outcomes, including policy shifts, investment strategies, and innovative approaches that align food systems with national climate goals.



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