

Food Systems Solutions Webinar 2025

Foresight for policy innovation:

Navigating complexity and uncertainty in food systems

10 April 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (CET) | Virtual

Background

In 2025, the Hub is hosting a series of Food Systems Solutions Webinars (FSSWs), open to the public, to foster broader engagement on critical issues related to food systems transformation. Each webinar focuses on a different theme, addressing emerging challenges and opportunities within the global food systems agenda.

The webinars build upon the global commitments and outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment and the Secretary-General's Call to Action. The themes for the 2025 series of FSSWs are aligned with the objectives of the forthcoming second UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake (UNFSS+4), happening in July 2025 in Ethiopia and focusing on **reflecting on progress** for implementing integrated approaches toward food systems transformation, **strengthening accountability**, and **unlocking investments** for food systems transformation.

The webinars are part of the Hub's outreach activities with the public and interested food systems stakeholders in preparation for the UNFSS+4 and serve as a platform to increase public awareness about various food systems-related topics.

Purpose of the Webinar

The transformation of food systems is crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, implementing effective climate actions, and fulfilling the commitments made at the 2021 Food Systems Summit. While National Pathways for food systems transformation have played a key role in increasing awareness, additional efforts are required to foster leadership, enhance collaboration, and improve decision-making processes to expedite progress.

Foresight approaches are gaining recognition as a valuable tool to facilitate dialogue, navigate uncertainties, and envision alternative futures for food systems. This approach enables stakeholders to anticipate challenges, identify opportunities, and develop more resilient and sustainable food systems for generations, bringing tangible outputs in policy, implementation and finance areas.

Ahead of the upcoming UNFSS+4, the webinar explores why foresight is important and how it can accelerate national food systems' transformation. It will dive deep into how foresight can support policy innovation, stakeholder engagement, and the development of robust strategies for navigating the complexity and uncertainty surrounding food systems transformation.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/FSSW10APR25>

Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stefanos Fotiou, Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
10min	Keynote presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jim Woodhill, University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute, Lead of the Foresight4Food Initiative, "The role of foresight tools in transforming national food systems"
30 min	Panel discussion: sharing insights from ongoing foresight initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lorenzo Giovanni Bellù, Senior Economist, Agrifood Economics and Policy Division, FAO • Ms Wangechi Gitata-Kiriga, Foresight4Food Kenya Country Facilitator • Ms Emily Sharp, Director Strategy, Performance and Learning, the Pacific Community (SPC) <p>Moderator: Ms Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p>
15 min	Q&A and closing remarks