



FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS WEBINAR 2026

Circular Economy and sustainable food systems

12 March 2026, 14:00 – 15:00 (CET) | Virtual

Background

During 2026, the Hub will host a series of Food Systems Solutions Webinars (FSS Webinars) open to the public, with the aim of fostering broader engagement on critical issues related to food systems transformation. Each webinar will focus on a different theme, addressing emerging challenges, innovative pathways, and actionable solutions that can accelerate the global food systems agenda across diverse contexts. The webinars build upon the global commitments and outcomes of the outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit (2021), the global Stocktakes in Rome (2023) and Addis Ababa (2025), including the UN Secretary General's Call to Action and the Hub's 2025 country needs assessment survey. The webinars are part of the Hub's outreach activities with the public and interested food systems stakeholders and serve as a platform to increase public awareness about various food systems related topics.

Purpose of the Webinar

The webinar is organized in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia. It will explore the conceptual framework around circular economy and how it can be applied to food systems transformation, including best practices for increasing resource efficiency and regenerative production practices to restore soil and ecosystems. Participants will learn from practitioners, policymakers, and funders working to scale circular food solutions globally, and explore financing mechanisms and innovative business models that make circular approaches economically viable for producers, processors, and investors.

Agenda

Time	Session
3 min	Welcoming remarks
10 min	Keynote presentation Mr Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub Presentation on the conceptual framework around circular economy and why it is key to transforming our food systems.

25 min	<p>Panel</p> <p>Panellists present interesting country level initiatives from the application of circular economy in food systems, including approaches for making circular economy principles more viable from an economic perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Aimeerim Tursalieva, Tazar Foundation on community-led waste management and the concept of Trash festivals in Kyrgyzstan • Ms Aija Pilvere, AS Ziedi JP Council Chair, a family-operated agricultural enterprise in Latvia (TBC) • Mr Alfred Grand, GRAND FARM Austria (TBC) <p>Moderator: Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p>
5 min	<p>Reflecting remarks</p> <p>Ms Marta Arnes Garcia, Technical Advisor, Bioeconomy Team, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>Regional insights from FAO's work on bioeconomy in the Europe and Central Asia region</p>
15 min	<p>Q&A from audience</p>
2 min	<p>Closing</p>

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/FSSW12March>