

SAFE AND  
NUTRITIOUS  
FOOD FOR ALL

SHIFT TO  
SUSTAINABLE  
AND HEALTHY  
CONSUMPTION  
PATTERNS

BOOST NATURE-  
POSITIVE FOOD  
PRODUCTION  
AT SCALE

ADVANCING  
EQUITABLE  
LIVELIHOODS

BUILDING  
RESILIENCE TO  
VULNERABILITIES,  
SHOCKS &  
STRESS



# ETHIOPIAN FOOD SYSTEMS

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## Dialogue 3: Processes and Results

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# The UN Food Systems Summit will be held in September 2021, aims to transform global food systems to support the SDGs

## Food System overview

- The food system is a **complex web of activities involving the production, processing, transportation and consumption** of food
- Issues concerning the food system include the **governance and economics of food production, its sustainability, levels of food loss and wastage, how food production affects the natural environment, and the impact of food on individual and national nutrition and health**

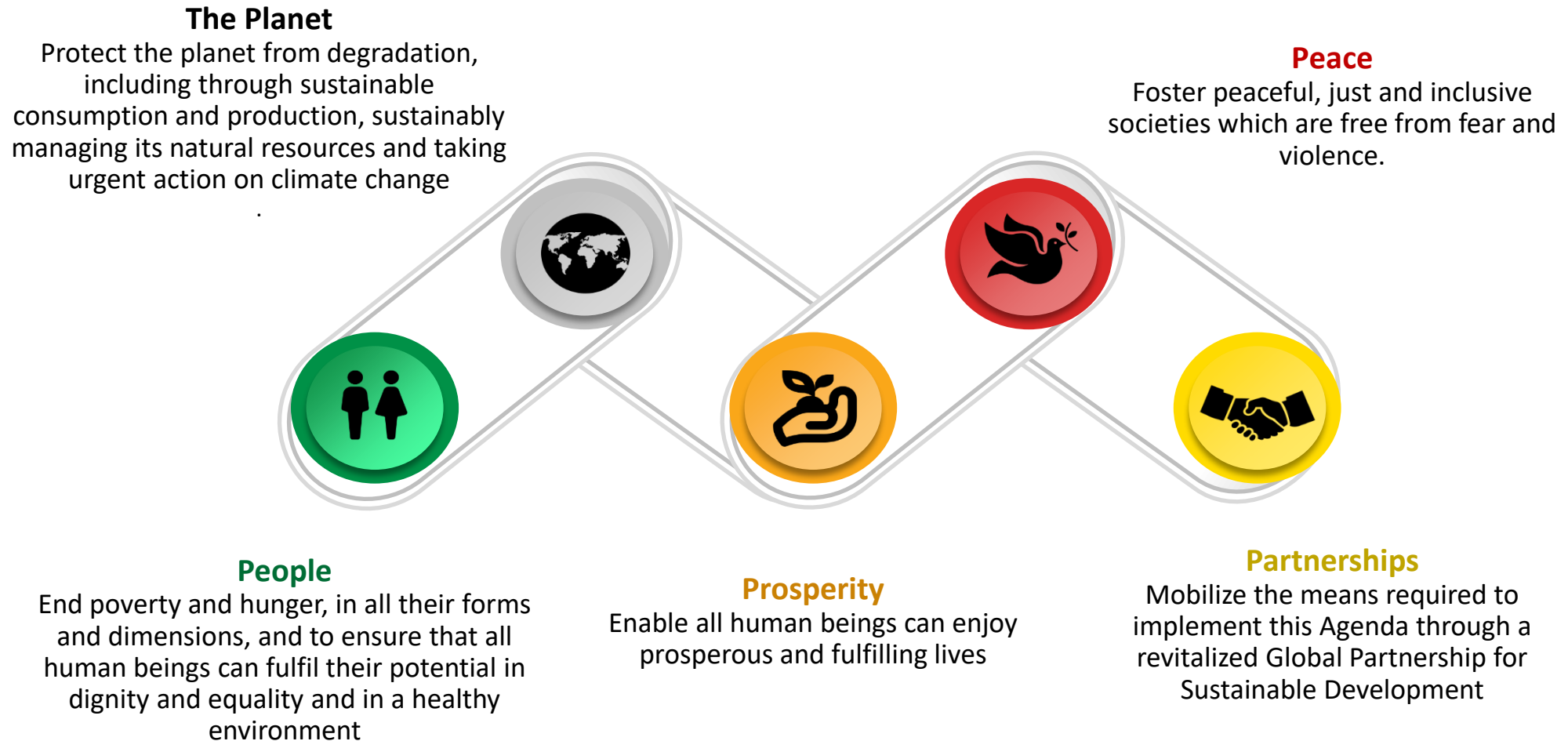
## The UN Food Systems Summit is a major opportunity to speed up implementation of SDG and drive transformational change

- The UN is holding a Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in September 2021
- The aim of the Summit is to change food systems to achieve healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems
- The Summit represents a major opportunity to drive transformational change to support the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- Rebuilding the food systems of the world will also enable us to answer the UN Secretary-General's call to "build back better" from COVID-19

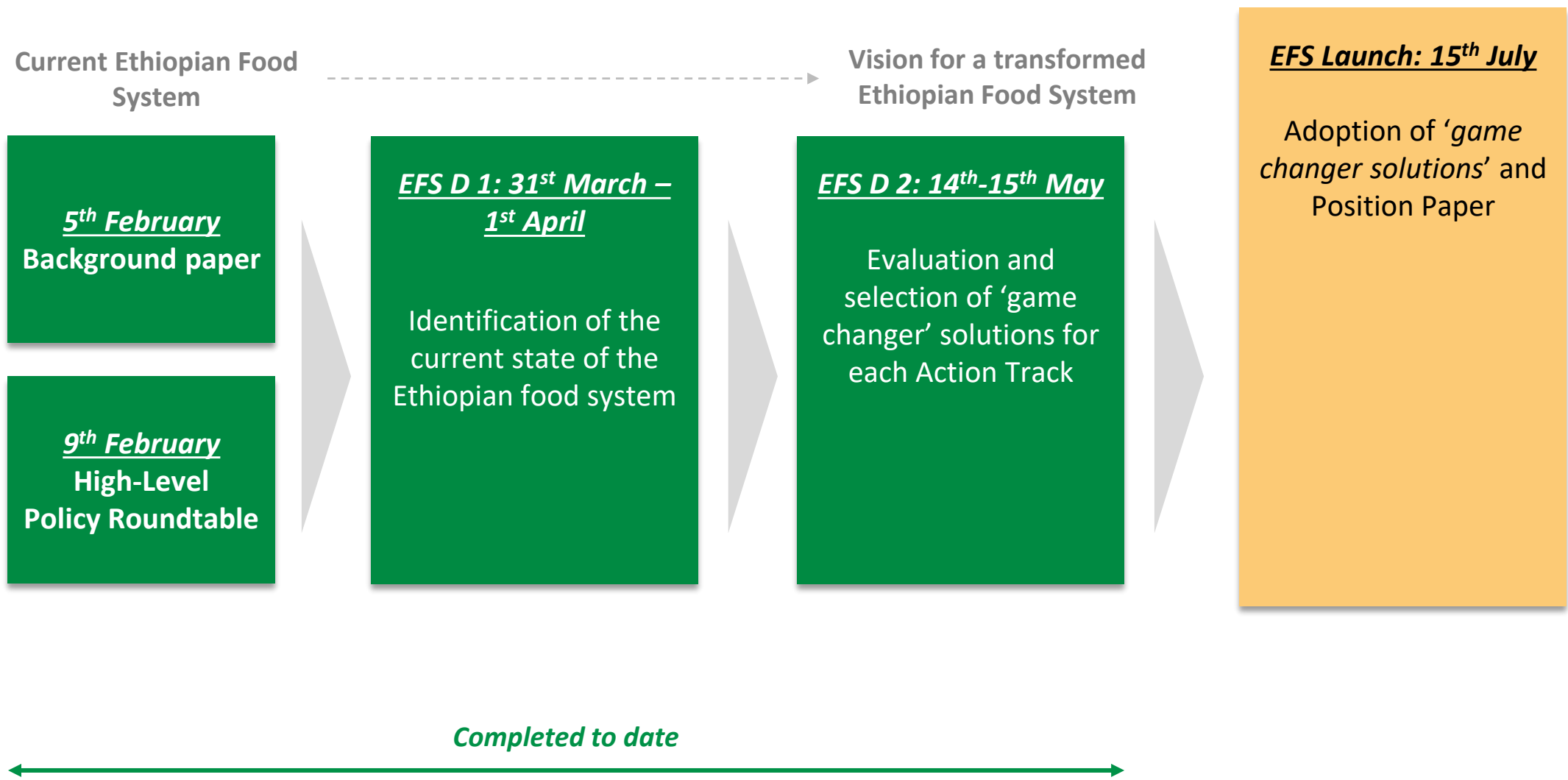
## Four Key Objectives of the Summit

- 1 Generate action to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- 2 Raise awareness on the importance of improving food systems
- 3 Develop principles to guide governments and other stakeholders to transform food systems
- 4 Develop a system of follow-up and review to ensure the Summit's aims are achieved

# Food systems transformation is intrinsically about people, the planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships



# The Ethiopian Food system (EFS) process has completed a policy roundtable and two dialogues. We are now finalizing the EFS plan to be adopted at the EFS Launch



# The EFS process has brought together over 120 participants from government departments, donors, multilateral organizations, NGOs, CSO & private sector

EFS participating institutions included:

Ethiopian Government	  
NGOs and CSOs	      
UN bodies, International Organizations & development partners	             
Universities & research Institutions	      
Private sector	   

# We have identified key challenges for the Ethiopian food system



## AT 1: ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all

1.1 Low availability & affordability of nutrient – dense foods

1.2 Lack of food safety management infrastructure

1.3 Lack of food fortification, processing and packaging



## AT 2: shift to sustainable consumption patterns

2.1 Low dietary diversity, especially among infants, children & mothers

2.2 Shift towards unhealthy diets, especially in urban areas

2.3 Limited dietary guidelines and education



## AT 3: boost Nature positive production

3.1 Lack of access to agricultural inputs and technologies

3.2 Lack of access to agricultural and rural financial services

3.3 Soil depletion

3.4 Lack of adoption of agro-ecological practices

3.5 Weak land ownership management infrastructure



## AT 4: Advance equitable livelihoods

4.1 Weak market linkages

4.2 Limited value addition and processing capacity

4.3 High post-harvest losses

4.4 Weak institutional support



## AT 5: Build resilience to shocks & stress

5.1 Limited climate adaptation and resilience

5.2 Need for integrated risk and crisis management

5.3 Need for universal food access, especially in vulnerable areas

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# To address Ethiopia's challenges, we have identified 14 action areas, which align closely to the UNFSS Global Action Tracks



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### Action Areas

1. Ensure food security & end hunger
2. Improve access to nutritious food
3. Make food safe

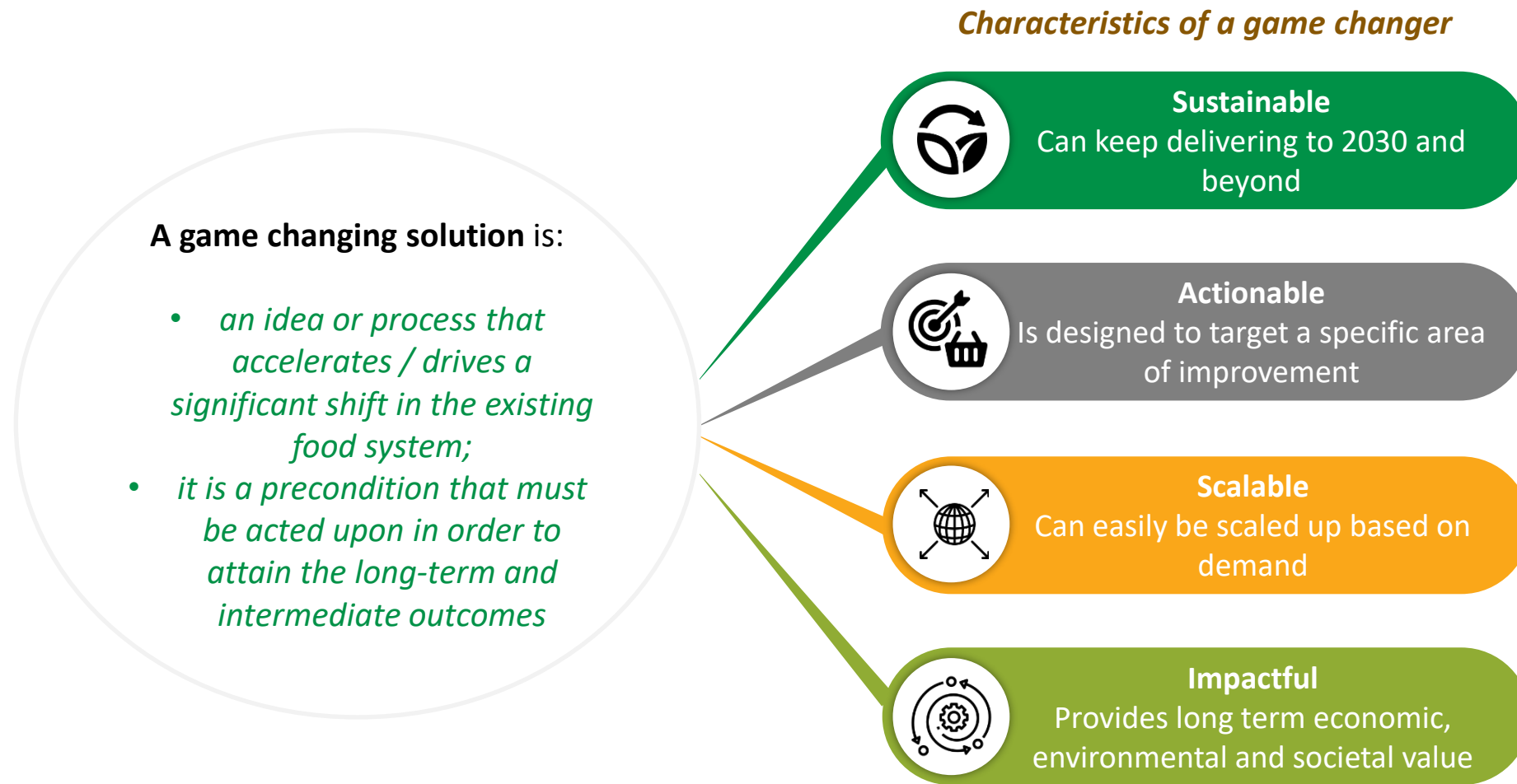
4. Enable, inspire and motivate people to enjoy healthy and sustainable options
5. Slash food loss and waste

6. Conserve and restore degraded natural eco-systems
7. Manage existing & transformed food system and sustain positive changes
8. Increase investment in technologies for smallholder farmers & promote sustainable agriculture

9. Balance agencies within food systems
10. Eliminate worker exploitation and ensure decent work in food systems
11. Ensure a localized food system

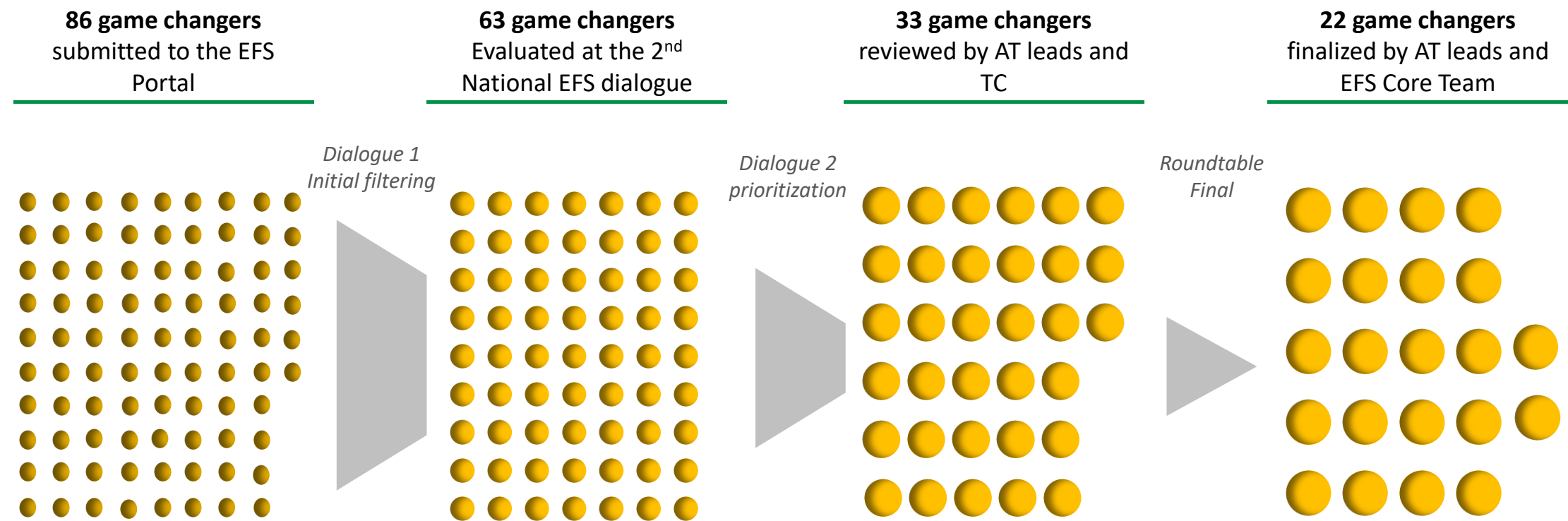
12. Ensure food Systems resilience
13. Provide universal food access and universal social protection
14. Build effective and an economy-wide risk reduction arrangements

# EFS has gone through a process of identifying, selecting and finalizing game changing solutions' (1/2)



The EFS game changers align closely to and evolve Ethiopia's existing national policy agenda, including the Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda and other key policies

# EFS has gone through a process of identifying, selecting and finalizing ‘game changer solutions’ (2/2)



The prioritization of game changers was conducted by more than 120 participants from a broad range of government offices, NGOs, CSO & private sector organizations, with a leadership from the Ethiopian Food Systems Core Team

# The EFS plan is built around 22 game changers (1/2)

**Cluster 1: Nutrient dense food production; food safety, fortification and rural electrification & appropriate climate smart technologies**

**EFS GC 1:** Strengthening the **national food safety management** and control system of Ethiopia

**EFS GC 2:** Support **diversified nutrient-dense foods production** by promoting smallholder, greenhouse and garden level production

**EFS GC 3:** Promote and enhance the production and consumption of **fortified nutrient dense** staple foods

**EFS GC 4:** **Rural electrification** to promote environmentally friendly and climate smart technologies



**Cluster 2: Supply and value chain development, national food based dietary guidelines and nutrition literacy and awareness creation**

**EFS GC 5:** Improve young children's, adolescents' and mothers' **nutrition and dietary diversity**

**EFS GC 6:** Strengthen **climate smart livestock** value chains

**EFS GC 7:** Promote innovations, government commitment and local ownership, as expressed in the **Seqota Declaration**

**EFS GC 8:** Strengthen innovative strategies/ mechanisms of **supply chain management** and handling systems

**EFS GC 9:** Sustained awareness creation and **food and nutrition literacy** to promote nutrient-dense foods

**EFS GC 10:** National food based **Dietary Guidelines** to provide dietary recommendations for increased diet quality



**Cluster 3: Integrated policy-making, land reform, and improved government finance provision for agricultural and rural transformation**

**EFS GC 11:** Implement **land reform and land administration** that will ensure the right to lease, and use it for collateral to facilitate land consolidation, adoption of innovation, and reduce environmental degradation

**EFS GC 12:** Introduce **land use planning**; resource planning, integrated landscape & watershed management

**EFS GC 13:** Address deforestation and environmental degradation through implementing the **Green Legacy, the massive tree planting initiatives**

**EFS GC 14:** Establish a **finance system** for farmers to access credit, get insurance services and offer farmers financial literacy to help enhance rural and agricultural investment



# The EFS plan is built around 22 game changers (2/2)

## Cluster 4: Agricultural technologies, innovation and agricultural input supplies

**EFS GC 15:** Selection and timely supply of **inputs and technologies** to boost production and productivity

**EFS GC 16:** Advanced **forecasting system** for variables affecting agriculture-based activities on fine spatiotemporal weather models in Ethiopia



## Cluster 5: Access to markets, market Information, infrastructure and specialization

**EFS GC 17:** Upgrading and strengthening **national market information systems** and related digital approaches

**EFS GC 18:** Promote and facilitate the implementation of the **agricultural commercialization** for nutrient-dense commodities



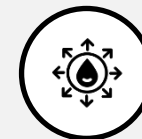
## Cluster 6: Managing Risk and Protecting the Poor

**EFS GC 19:** Modernize and upscale **indigenous food production** and processing including linkage with the school feeding program

**EFS GC 20:** Index based **crop and livestock insurance** as disaster risk mitigation measures

**EFS GC 21:** Inclusive and sustainable social protection transfer including the use of **digital fresh food vouchers**

**EFS GC 22:** System for timely and effective **shock response** including the prevention and treatment of wasting and micronutrient deficiencies



# All Game Changers require a strong policy commitment, but the following require an exceptionally strong unified commitment



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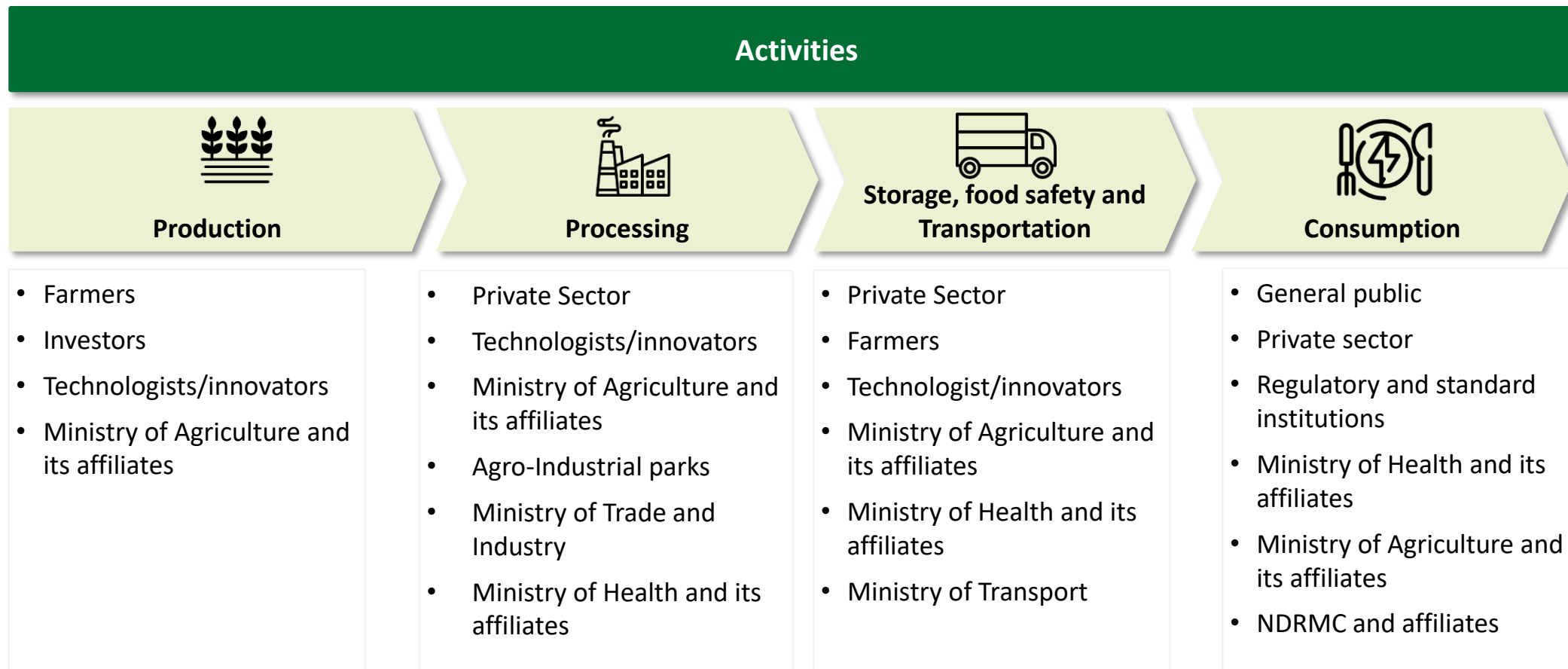


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# Who will participate / contributing to the transformation of the Ethiopian Food System?



Other actors will also be engaged across the food system: CSOs, NGOs, Development Partners,

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- Enrich the EFS plan based on the comments from today and beyond
- Present the EFS Position paper at the FS Pre-Summit in Rome
- Consultation at Regional, Woreda and Community levels
- Present the EFS Position papers at the UN FSS in NY
- Jointly implement the EFS plan