

## Food Systems Solutions Virtual Dialogue: CO-DESIGNING the Food Systems Transformation Window of the Joint SDG Fund

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### Background:

In response to multiple calls by countries and National Convenors for a global trust-fund/ funding mechanism to support national efforts to advance Food Systems Transformations<sup>1</sup> and in collaboration with the Joint SDG Fund Secretariat, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub is incubating a Joint SDG Fund Food Systems Window. Envisaged as a multi-annual programme for predictable funding to catalyse concrete implementation initiatives at scale in countries, the Window adopts a phased approach to accompany evolving country needs through several funding rounds. It aims to raise USD 350 million over 5 years, disbursed through two separate tracks, each fit to accompany countries through different stages of progress.

Championing a country-driven, all-of-government and all-of-society approach, the Food Systems Window will allow national stakeholders to accelerate the realization of strategic priorities of their National Pathways, build or strengthen an enabling policy, institutional, financial environment, connect relevant actors and close the implementation gap for the medium to long-term achievement of national food systems transformation visions. This financial window can go a long way in triggering the urgent structural changes and catalyzing larger-scale financing that are needed for more sustainable food systems.

A zero-draft Investment Strategy was developed by the Hub in the last few months based on a participatory consultative process. It covers the overall strategic vision to steer diverse, evolving, context-specific efforts in countries in the next 5 years. **National Convenor's perspectives and recommendations will be critical to finalize a robust, country-driven Investment Strategy** and will pave the way towards a formal launch of the Joint SDG Fund Food Systems Window during the first UN Stocktaking Moment (STM) in July 2023.

### Purpose of the Dialogue:

This dialogue will present the Food Systems Window Investment Strategy and seek National Convenors' feedback on its direction and relevance to ongoing national efforts, as well as on priority topics for a first funding round in immediate follow-up to the window's formal launch during the UN 2023 Stocktaking Moment (STM).

### Agenda:

Duration	Description
5 min	<b>Opening Remarks</b> : Welcome participants, outline the purpose of the session <b>Stefanos Fotiou, Hub Director</b>
5 min	The Joint SDG Fund Instrument : presentation of approach and previous/current portfolios This presentation by <b>the Joint SDG Fund Secretariat</b> will introduce the Joint SDG Fund Instrument, overarching objectives and modalities, and elaborate on some of its achievements for Food Systems. <b>Lisa Kurbiel, Head of the Joint SDG Fund Secretariat</b>
10 min	The Food Systems Window: presentation of the Investment Strategy's objectives, expected results and approach, as well as concrete operational steps in the context of incoming funding rounds. <b>Sylvia Ekra, Hub Deputy Director</b>
10 min	Q&A - Participants will be invited to post questions live and in the chat.
35 min	Discussion (Plenary or break-out groups, tbc) - Guiding Questions:

<sup>1</sup> See the [Country Priority Needs Survey and Analysis](#) conducted by the Hub in February 2022

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the areas of your national Food Systems pathway/strategy that suffer from the greatest financing gaps? What would be priority areas for a first funding round according to your national context?</li> <li>2. Does the Investment Strategy respond to your country's Food System transformation priorities, and expected support needs in the next 5 years?</li> </ol> <p>Moderation: <b>David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD</b></p>
<b>10 min</b>	<p>Presentation of Key Points - Participants can contribute by raising their hands or in the chat.</p> <p>Restitution: <b>David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD</b></p>
<b>5 min</b>	<p>Wrap-Up and Next Steps – <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b></p>