

# FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTION DIALOGUES

## *Governance for Food Systems Transformation*

Wednesday 29 May 2024

Session I – 8:00 – 9:30 AM CEST | Session II – 16:00 – 17:30 CEST

### Background

Between February and April 2024, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub has organized a series of regional meetings with Food Systems National Convenors as a follow-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2). As part of these meetings, the Hub has convened dialogues on food systems governance with national convenors from each region. Building on the key messages resulting from these dialogues, the Solution Dialogue on Governance for Food Systems Transformation will address key challenges and opportunities related to governance structures in achieving food systems transformation. It focuses on developing strategies and mechanisms to enhance the governance of food systems at local, national, and global levels.

### Purpose of the Dialogue

Governance is critical in ensuring that institutions, legal frameworks, and collective action at all levels lead to the desired transformation of our food systems. Countries vary significantly in the level and nature of governance structures concerning their food systems. These differences stem from diverse cultural, historical, economic, and political contexts. The degree of integration between government bodies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector actors also varies, influencing the effectiveness and inclusivity of food governance systems.

The regional meetings in 2023 and 2024, have revealed that many countries are currently setting up governance arrangements to include all relevant stakeholders, including government sectors, as well as other stakeholders including, parliaments, civil society, businesses, youth, women's groups, producers/farmers, media, academia, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, in decision-making processes. Participation in decision-making is key to ensuring ownership across all relevant actors and inclusive implementation of food systems transformation pathways across sectors and territories.

### Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	<b>Opening remarks: Hub</b>
30 min	<b>Setting the Scene:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Shenggen Fan</b>, Co-Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee to the Hub</li> <li>- <b>Corinna Hawkes</b>, Director, Food Systems and Food Safety, FAO</li> <li>- <b>Riccardo Rapallo</b>, Senior Governance Officer, FAO</li> <li>- <b>Rami Zurayk</b>, Advisor on Food systems Transformation, American University of Beirut</li> <li>- <b>JuanJose Echanove</b>, Senior Project Coordinator, Right to Food, FAO</li> </ul>
40 min	<b>Dialogue with Convenors:</b> Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What mechanism has your country adopted to drive its food system's governance? How does this framework promote the inclusive participation of all relevant stakeholders in decision-making processes related to food systems transformation?</li> <li>- What lessons have been learned from international collaborations or best practices in food governance that could be applied at national and sub-national levels?</li> <li>- What support is needed from the UN system to support your efforts to build inclusive governance structures?</li> </ul> <b>Moderators: Khaled Eltaweel</b> , Senior Programme Coordinator, UNFS Coordination Hub <b>Mia Madsen</b> , Policy Officer, UNFS Coordination Hub
10 min	<b>Reflections from the Dialogue</b>
5 min	<b>Wrap-up and next steps: Hub</b>