

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTION DIALOGUES

Unlocking investments for food systems transformation

Wednesday 16 April 2025 | Virtual

Session I 8:00 - 9:30 AM CEST | English, Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Session II - 16:00 - 17:30 CEST | English, French, Spanish

Background

The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub hosts virtual Food Systems Solutions Dialogues (FSSDs) as a collaborative platform for National Convenors and stakeholders to discuss and share practical solutions for sustainable food systems transformation. The FSSDs build on global commitments and outcomes of the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, the 2023 UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment, and the Secretary-General's Call to Action, empowering countries to develop actionable strategies for implementing National Pathways.

The themes for the 2025 FSSDs 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 2025 FSSDs are designed to support governments in preparing their contributions to UNFSS+4 to document country progress at UNFSS+4 and beyond.

Purpose of the Dialogue

The UNFSS+4 will have a strong emphasis on unlocking investments for transformative action. This dialogue explores solutions for unlocking investments for food systems transformation through nationally costed action plans, financing strategies, public sector budget allocations, and public-private partnerships. The discussions will highlight innovative mechanisms and initiatives where food systems actors (e.g. donors, governments, UN agencies, private sector, and the Ecosystem of Support) have mobilized resources for country-level impact. Moreover, the dialogue explores ongoing global efforts to reform the financial architecture to become more conducive to sustainable food systems and address barriers to investment and expands on how the UNFSS+4 process is linked to the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) taking place in Seville, Spain, 30 June to 3 July 2025.

Register here:

- **Morning session 8:00 – 9:30 CEST:** (English with interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, Russian)
<https://bit.ly/FSSDAPRAM>
- **Afternoon session 16:00 – 17:30 CEST:** (English with interpretation in French and Spanish)
<https://bit.ly/FSSDAPRPM>

Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	Welcome, and opening remarks: Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
30 min	Setting the scene: Panel of speakers AM session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Laborde, Director of the Agrifood Economics and Policy Division/FAO, to provide an update on the latest developments from the global financing agenda leading towards the UNFSS+4, including preparations for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) • Christopher Brett, Lead Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank, on IFAD and the World Bank's work on the financing agenda towards UNFSS+4, including work with other IFIs and the second phase of the 3FS Tool • Jarot Indarto, Director of Food and Agriculture, Ministry of National Development Planning/BAPPENAS, National Convenor, Indonesia, to share experience from developing a national Food Systems Financing Strategy and exploring untapped investment opportunities PM session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Laborde, Director of the Agrifood Economics and Policy Division/FAO, to provide an update on the latest developments from the global financing agenda leading towards the UNFSS+4, including preparations for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) • Getachew Diriba, Senior Advisor and Principal Coordinator, Ethiopian Food Systems Transformation, Office of the Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, to share experience from the National Agriculture Investment Forum 2024, highlighting linkages to the FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative, showcasing opportunities for unlocking blended finance for food systems transformation at country level • Alejandro Enciso, Programme Analyst, IFAD, on behalf of the UNFSS Agricultural Public Development Bank Coalition, the intervention will present the Agri-PDB Platform initiative, providing an overview of its mission, key activities, and member institutions. It will highlight the role and challenges faced by national public development banks in financing food systems transformation and outline the coalition's engagement in the upcoming FfD4 Conference
45 min	Dialogue with Convenors: Moderator: James Tefft , Senior Economist, FAO Investment Centre Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your main expectations for the UNFSS+4 in terms of outcomes related to the objective of unlocking investments for food systems transformation? • Please share examples of country-level initiatives to incentivize public and private financing for food systems transformation at scale (i.e., policy changes, repurposing, instruments, projects).
5 min	Reflections from the Dialogue

5 min

Wrap-up and next steps:

Stefanos Fotiou, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub