

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUES 2026

Food systems approach in practice – building policy coherence across agendas

Wednesday 25 March 2026 | Virtual

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

Session II - 16:00 - 17:30 CET | 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 food systems stakeholders to discuss and exchange experiences, reflect on challenges, and advance practical solutions for sustainable food systems transformation. The dialogues build upon the global commitments and outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake and the Secretary-General's Call to Action, empowering National Convenors to develop coordinated and actionable strategies for the implementation of national pathways. The Dialogues facilitate technical deep dives, peer exchanges, and country-led reflections on challenges and opportunities and aim at strengthening the operational capacity of National Convenors as they drive forward their countries' food systems agendas.

Purpose of the Dialogue

This Dialogue is organised in collaboration with the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Secretariat and the FAO Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division (ESF). It aims to explore how a systems approach can be operationalized at country-level to strengthen policy coherence and inclusive systems governance across national food systems and nutrition agendas. The dialogue will draw on the framework presented in FAO's new publication [*Transforming Food and Agriculture Through a Systems Approach*](#), and elevate country experiences through a deep dive on innovative food systems and nutrition governance mechanisms in countries including the role of the SUN Focal Point and SUN multi-stakeholder platforms and National Food Systems Convenors. Through concrete country examples, it will examine how these institutional arrangements support shifts toward food systems transformation and nutrition outcomes by enabling more integrated decision-making and joined-up action across ministries, stakeholders and initiatives.

Agenda

Time	Session
3 min	Welcome and opening remarks

15 min	<p>Setting the scene:</p> <p>Ms Corinna Hawkes, Director, Division of Agrifood Systems and Food Safety (ESF), Food and Agriculture Organization on what food systems thinking means in operational terms and key messages from the new publication (7 min) followed by brief Q&A</p>
25 min	<p>Panel of speakers:</p> <p>AM session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Phommy Inthichack, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Lao PDR (7min) • Mr Abdelrahman Mohamed Belal, Director General of the One Health Department of the Ministry of Health and Population in Egypt (7 min) • Ms Paulina Addy, Food Systems National Convener, Ghana (7 min) <p>PM session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Katherine Curi Quinto, Public health Researcher at Instituto de Investigación Nutricional and Member of the Food and Nutrition Security Social Initiative PERUSAN, Peru (7 min) • Mr Abdelrahman Mohamed Belal, Director General of the One Health Department, Ministry of Health and Population in Egypt (7 min) • Ms Paulina Addy, Food Systems National Convener, Ghana (7 min)
40 min	<p>Dialogue with National Convenors</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Ms Mia Madsen, Policy Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (AM session)</p> <p>Mr Edward Boydell, Food Systems Strategic Advisor, SUN Movement (PM session)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What arrangements are in place in your country to link food systems and nutrition agendas?

	<p>How do these arrangements reflect a systems approach?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What works well to support policy coherence and coordination across food systems and nutrition agendas and what are the gaps?
5 min	Reflections from the Dialogue
2 min	Closing