

# Food Systems Stock-taking Moment 2023

## *Concept Note for the Regional Preparatory Meeting*

Niamey, 27 February 2023

### Summary

The UN SG has committed in his Statement of Action and Chair's Summary of the UNFSS to convene "a global stock-taking meeting every two years to review progress in implementing the outcomes of this process and its contributions to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This will be supported by the RBAs, the broader UN System and partners." The first of these Food Systems Stock-taking moments (FS STM) should take place in 2023.

As part of the preparations for the first Food Systems Stock-Taking Moment (STM) scheduled for 24-26 July 2023, the **UN Food Systems Coordination Hub** in collaboration with the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) organizes a regional Preparatory Meeting in coordination with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Regional Offices of the agencies that currently support the Hub, and other appropriate UN and regional bodies.

The Preparatory Meeting in Africa targets National Convenors from African countries and their teams, UN Resident Coordinators and members of UN Country Teams, and other relevant stakeholders. It seeks to build awareness and momentum toward the stock-taking moment, serve as an opportunity to consolidate regional learning, and identify emerging promising patterns and solutions across the different regions.

The meeting builds on the regional touch point organized by the Food Systems Coordination Hub for National Convenors between 13 and 17 December 2022 where National Convenors welcomed the STM as an opportunity to intensify the momentum for food systems transformation and to report on the progress made since the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

### Dates

The Preparatory Meeting is organized on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 in the margins of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-9).

27 February to 2 March 2023 – Niamey, Niger.

The ARFSD-9 is organized by the ECA and is set to support the Implementation Follow-Up and Review of the 2030 Agenda. It enables appropriate linkages between various levels, actors, and sectors to create a regional space to share policy solutions, best practices and challenges in SDG implementation.

### Structure and Objectives of the Regional Preparatory Meetings

The Regional Preparatory Meeting in Niamey will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February at the Mahatma Gandhi International Conference Center in Niamey.

The Regional preparatory meeting will serve as a platform for the sharing of experiences, good practices, and lessons learned in National Convenors' efforts to follow-up to the Summit including through the operationalization and implementation of their National Pathways. In addition, participants will be invited to identify and build a consensus on priority actions and key messages for each region to be synthesized in the form of a short document, to drive actions towards accelerated transformation of food systems for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The key messages will serve as the collective regional input to the 2023 Stocktaking Moment.