

## UN Food Systems Summit+2 Stocktaking Moment

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### HOW DO COALITIONS SUPPORT GOVERNMENTS?

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List of speakers, in all segments, and key messages

NAME AND TITLE OF SPEAKER	SEGMENT (opening, panel, closing, etc.)	KEY MESSAGES OR/AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Adam Gerstenmier, Executive Director, Food Action Alliance	Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to ensure that coalitions are delivering in a coordinated manner on what countries need</li> <li>• The Secretary-General report highlights the progress that coalitions have been able to achieve in the last 2 years - 31 coalitions in existence with 131 Member States as well as the EU and AU including from the private sector, producer organizations and implementing partners. Successes are highlighted in the report but also many challenges remain to be addressed</li> <li>• The panel will discuss the high points and areas of improvement for the coalitions and propose recommendations</li> </ul>

<p>2. Dr Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA</p>	<p>Opening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Governments and national pathways are central to food systems transformation</li> <li>● Action Tracks were put in place that offered over 1500 solutions</li> <li>● There are areas where government falls short and it is recognized that there are capabilities outside of the government- this is how coalitions were born to support governments</li> <li>● Coalitions are able to capture the resources outside of mainstream governments to support their mandates</li> <li>● There is a fragmentation of efforts, hence coalitions are mandated to come together to convene. For example, School Meals Coalition has a secretariat that governments can approach</li> </ul>
<p>3. H.E. Dr. Girma Amente, Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia (Climate Resilient Food Systems Alliance (CRFS))</p>	<p>Panel 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethiopia's vision of food systems transformation encompasses production to consumption, across the whole VC contributing to enhanced nutrition, livelihood and resilience</li> <li>● Ethiopia's national pathways have 22 game-changing solutions in 6 cluster areas</li> <li>● Inter-ministerial committee- 15 sector ministries to lead agenda and build coherence</li> <li>● Development Partners Platform- to get input from development partners including coalitions</li> <li>● Implementing food systems transformation is urgent- poverty and hunger</li> <li>● Committed to environmental resource protection             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8/22 game-changing solutions focused on environmental and climate initiatives</li> <li>○ Green Legacy Initiative- 25 billion trees planted, and more in the pipeline</li> </ul> </li> <li>● As part of Climate Smart Agriculture, there is a national initiative on strategic crops- contributing to self-sufficiency and replacing imports</li> <li>● Ethiopia's food system is aligned to the climate Resilient Food Systems Alliance</li> </ul>

<p>4. Dr. Fatima Elhassan Eltahir, National Convenor and Secretary General Food Security Technical Secretariat, Sudan</p> <p>(Fighting Food Crises along the HDP Nexus Coalition (HDP Nexus Coalition))</p>	<p>Panel 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus is the most important coalition in Sudan because of the multi-sectoral framework that aligns with the policies in Sudan</li> <li>● National Team for food systems transformation and sub-sector teams</li> <li>● Milestone: launched high level missions in February-main focus on:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do coalitions support align with the national plans and all stakeholders</li> <li>○ National pathways implementation through local finance initially</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Built existing frameworks and coalitions helped to strengthen them and collaborate on data and linkages with regional, national and international bodies</li> <li>● Need support on data, coordination, assessments, financial analysis, capacity building, networking, research, sustaining production and productivity</li> <li>● Sudan is rich in natural resources- need support from coalition to tap this resource</li> <li>● Need to advance equitable livelihoods, build resilience and involve women in decision making</li> <li>● Coalition needs to bridge the gap in the humanitarian and development program</li> <li>● Need to strengthen climate change adaptation and develop an early warning system</li> </ul>
<p>5. Christian Hofer, State secretary of agriculture, Switzerland</p> <p>(Coalition for FS Transformation Through Agroecology (Agroecology Coalition))</p>	<p>Panel 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The purpose of the Agroecology Coalition is to transform food systems through agroecology guided by the 13 principles of agroecology</li> <li>● Areas of work: facilitating co-creation of knowledge exchange, increased financing on agroecology, and seeking political engagement</li> <li>● The Agroecology Coalition contributed successfully to the integration of the reference to agroecology target 10 of the post-2020 biodiversity framework which will be implemented in the countries.</li> <li>● The coalition is coordinating the development of a tool to track the implementation of CFS policy recommendations</li> </ul>

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<p>6. Paula Rojas,          Executive Secretary of the Choose to Live Healthily Secretariat, Chile          (Social Protection and Food Systems Transformation)</p>	<p>Panel 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Experience in Chile- important to work on social protection and nutrition.</li> <li>● The coalition is looking to improve coverage of nutrition in countries with higher levels of malnutrition</li> <li>● Generate and facilitate better use of data for decision-making around healthcare</li> <li>● Importance of multisystem approach</li> <li>● Coalition is working on strengthening global reach:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establishment of Consortium: country-specific and global knowledge</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Integration from different sectors is needed to synergize with the different issues and prepare for the future</li> <li>● Regional work- the coalition has been involved with the African Development Agency to ensure better coordination and mobilize the resources</li> <li>● Chile has been working in areas of nutritional labelling</li> <li>● Need to focus on social protection and nutrition and accelerate this going forward</li> </ul>
<p>7. Charlie Worthington,          Food Systems Lead at Consumer International, UK          (Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All)</p>	<p>Panel 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transforming food systems can only be successful if we look at the entire systems</li> <li>● The Healthy Diets Coalition brings together governments, support from the UN, research institutes, NGOs, the SUN Movement and consumer groups around the world</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three main functions: 1) address priority challenges at the country level- for example, in Ghana, involved in advocacy of ultra-processed foods and focusing on traditional diets and in Denmark work on food-based dietary guidelines, 2) peer-to-peer learning- webinars, for example, front to back labelling, communicate on challenges and solutions, connecting the policies and special projects-zooming in on issues (food-based dietary guidelines)</li> <li>• Clinics with 10 countries done with the Hub</li> <li>• Working with the initiative for climate action</li> <li>• Future: secure funding (Joint SDG Fund), align actions with the national level, bring together stakeholders</li> <li>• Metric of success- helping governments to make things easier, operationalization of national pathway (tailored support)</li> </ul>
<p>8. Jennifer Lester Moffitt, USDA Under Secretary (Coalition on Sustainable Productivity Growth for Food Security and Resource Conservation)</p>	<p>Panel 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability Productivity Growth Coalition is focused on the holistic food system through a systems approach</li> <li>• Many challenges- rising global food insecurity, natural resources, climate change</li> <li>• Zero Hunger and Paris Agreement goals- maximize using resources and need to increase productivity by 28% by 2030 to achieve Zero Hunger and Paris Agreement goals</li> <li>• Coalitions are about bringing together countries, and stakeholders to share and learn from best practices</li> <li>• Science-based information- make sure to use the knowledge shared by those in the field</li> <li>• Food loss and waste, school meals and looking at how the different coalitions are talking and exchanging this information</li> <li>• Quotes from Biden- “at the end of the day, to a mother, nothing matters more than feeding her children”.</li> </ul>
<p>9. H.E. Ambassador Stefan, Hafstein, Special Envoy for the Ocean Aquatic Blue Food Coalition</p>	<p>Panel 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aquatic Blue Food Coalition is challenged because SDG 14 (Life Under Water) is the least funded among the 17 SDGs and is often not recognized as a major source of nutrition and food</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The key mission is to 1) raise the profile of blue foods 2) identify and secure additional resources for sustainable aquatic food</li> <li>● Coalitions will focus on policies aimed at capitalizing on the promise of blue aquatic food, will provide evidence</li> <li>● Multi-lateral donors, experts, support</li> <li>● Role and offer:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Integrating blue food into plans and budgets and mobilizing resources (for example in Indonesia, WB and AU providing funds)</li> <li>○ Special event- on aquaculture in Africa</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Need to create Coalition of Coalition - exercising community of practice</li> <li>● Create an interface between coalitions to move towards country action wherein the Hub can help in coordination</li> </ul>
10. Claire Bury DDG of SANTE (Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety) and EU national convenor (EU: Synergies amongst Coalitions)	Panel 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diversity of coalitions should be celebrated             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School meals are original and flexible- and effective approaches</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Coalitions are at different levels of maturity and progress</li> <li>● EU involved in 8 coalitions             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Benefit from UN agencies, philanthropic organizations</li> <li>○ Uniquely places to exchange knowledge</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Coalitions have two reference documents (food systems pathways and food systems assessment)</li> <li>● Coalitions of Coalitions- for synergies and linkages</li> <li>● Coalitions need to leverage their membership- WTO and Paris Agreement, Biodiversity Convention</li> </ul>

Interventions from the floor:

SPEAKER	QUESTION OR KEY POINT OF INTERVENTION
1. Svante Helms, National Pathways Manager, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub	Announcement of the launch of the 'Offer of Assistance from Food Systems Actors'. Link: <a href="http://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/hub-solution/offer-of-assistance-from-food-systems-actors/en">www.unfoodsystemshub.org/hub-solution/offer-of-assistance-from-food-systems-actors/en</a>

Overall summary, conclusions and recommended actions (max 250 words)

1. Coalitions are at different levels of maturity and are responding to the needs of the governments
2. Coalitions should pivot toward country action
3. National Convenors face challenges to interact with the number of coalitions coming at the country level, therefore, it is important to ensure that coalitions are delivering in a coordinated and integrated manner based on the needs of the countries
4. The capacity of the team that is driving national pathways in the country needs to be enhanced