

## UN Food Systems Summit+2 Stocktaking Moment

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### *Catalysing Food Systems Transformations - The Food Systems*

### *Window of the UN Joint SDG Fund*

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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. Amina Mohamed, UNDSG	Opening	<p>Context-setting remarks about the Joint SDG Fund as the flagship instrument to rescue the SDGs, and the Food Systems Window's role in the context of global efforts to reshape the global financing landscape. Announcing the Joint SDG Fund window for food systems as a path for stimulating faster, broader, transformative change to drive sustainable food systems as a booster to SDG acceleration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faster, broader, and deeper change is needed to harvest meaningful results at scale across the SDGs. Transforming our food systems is one key element to get the world back on track to reverse the worrying trends. Many countries lack funding to catalyze and coordinate their plans to transform their food systems.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Joint SDG Fund’s Food Systems Window is the UN’s effort to try to tackle the support that will be needed to address the lack of funding. It will serve as a mechanism to mobilise financing and expertise on food systems from stakeholders across sectors, geographies and constituencies. It offers a unique opportunity to drive the implementation of national food systems pathways steered by governments and it provides a platform to leverage broader investments to blended financing and partnership with the private sector.</li> <li>• A fully capitalized Food Systems Window will play a critical role in mobilizing broader support and financing, from domestic public funding and private sector investments for food systems transformation. It will help turn national priorities into reality with impact that goes beyond food systems and help to rescue all the SDGs.</li> <li>• Thank the Federal Republic of Germany as the first mover for their substantial financial contribution to the Window. We trust many more Member States will join Germany in helping to change food systems into SDG accelerators at the country-level. I look forward to today’s panel to show us what Member States, Foundations, International Financing Institutions, the private sector and the United Nations can achieve when we join forces around a common and transformational agenda.</li> </ul>
<p>2. H.E. Ms. Jhenifer Mojica –          Minister of Agriculture and          Rural Development, Republic          of Colombia</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Food Systems Window of the Joint SDGs Fund could be an opportunity for developing countries to access the financing to support more initiatives. In Colombia we need to be able to fight against zero hunger by investing in family farming, in the transformation of products into food and to be able to commercialize healthy and organic products.</li> <li>• The world is in a situation of a climate and hunger crisis which demands urgent actions, but not as philanthropy. To transform this situation the political will is not enough, nor is the construction of internal programs and plans, nor is the consensus within a country. It is necessary to have the financing and capital. The whole world should have a co-responsibility with the countries that suffer most from the consequences of climate change.</li> </ul>

<p>3. H.E. Mr. Redouwane Ag Mohamed Ali– Minister Commissioner for Food Security, Republic of Mali</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If we are to achieve the global goals set for 2030, we need to set up food systems that are more resilient to climate change, adapted to the practices and preferences of our populations, and above all sustainable.</li> <li>• Main bottlenecks to transform Mali’s food systems: inadequate agricultural infrastructure, low agricultural productivity, poverty and limited access to financial resources, insecurity and terrorism.</li> <li>• The food system window could help translate Mali’s policy into successful results for all, particularly at the decentralized level. It can support Mali to mobilize resources to invest in projects and programs to strengthen food systems at local and national level.</li> </ul>
<p>4. H.E. Dr.Vivi Yulaswati - Deputy Minister for Maritime and Natural Resources Affairs at Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Food Systems Summit provides an opportunity to recalibrate Indonesia’s strategy and actions in transforming our food systems to be more nutritious, inclusive, resilient and sustainable.</li> <li>• There are several strategies that we want to implement further: food systems should be based on local biodiversity and social culture; nexus of food, energy and water as crucial part in the next long term development plan; science based and data-driven are crucial to ensure adequate prioritization of limited funding; continue practising climate smart agriculture and supporting smart scale farmers in modernising agriculture.</li> <li>• We must redouble our joint efforts at all levels and foster an understanding of the multi-faceted challenges we face. We must remain hopeful and build a more nutritious, inclusive, resilient and sustainable food system for us and the next generations.</li> </ul>
<p>5. H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al Jasser- Chairman, Islamic Development Bank Group</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISDB blended its own market-based resources with grants from other sources, like philanthropies, to be able to expand its portfolio of projects on food systems and on other developmental challenges.</li> <li>• Agricultural development is really the name of the game. It’s the secret that is going to unlock the development potential of our countries. If we continue to neglect agriculture you we’re not going to get anywhere and thus food security and climate financing are of high importance.</li> <li>• There is a lot that can still be done in terms of optimization, finance, project preparation, combination of climate with developmental considerations and more to support countries in the global south.</li> </ul>

<p>2. Ms. Hassatou N'sele - Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AFDB invested about \$8 billion to date in order to contribute to the SDG 2 benefiting about 250 million people on the continent. AFDB's interventions specially focus on the deployment of large scale proven agricultural technologies, on the development of rural infrastructure, on the development of special agro-processing, industrial zones and on the private sector and innovative financing.</li> <li>• We need African countries to abide by the common Africa position on agriculture and allocate 10% of their national budgets to agriculture. We need governments to avoid reversal of good agricultural policies and reforms. We need African countries to be able to access green funds.</li> <li>• From the side of the multilateral development banks more resources are needed in order to scale/replicate effective and innovative structures for accelerating agricultural transformation as well as to increase capacity to take on more agricultural risk.</li> <li>• Noted the need for private sector to be brought at scale through the offering of the right instruments in order to de-risk their participation.</li> <li>• We need multilateral development banks, development partners, shareholders, foundations, philanthropic organisation, NGOs, united nations to collaborate even more better and further strengthen partnerships. We need to identify synergies, leverage on each other's comparative advantage and avoid fragmentation. The Joint SDG Fund's window on food systems is exactly about bringing all together to reverse the trend that we have embarked on.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Mr. Roy Steiner - Senior Vice-President, Rockefeller Foundation - Food initiative</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Joint SDG Fund's Food Systems Window is exactly the kind of innovation needed because it takes a systems approach as it seeks to bring all the UN together and provide cross cutting innovative financing.</li> <li>• Rockefeller foundation has been working with a group of 14 other philanthropies to support the transition from conventional agriculture to regenerative agriculture. It is also collaborating with the global energy alliance for people and planet to try to decarbonize the entire agricultural value chain.</li> </ul>

<p>4. Mr. Michael Keller – Chair, International Agri-Food Network and Private Sector Mechanism to the UN Committee on World Food Security</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Window on Food Systems is an opportunity for co-creation and although not fully funded it can build the right traction.</li> <li>• The private sector can offer more than financing to address farmers’ needs. It can support the creation of collaborative models, support capacity building, share knowledge on innovation. The Joint SDG Fund’s window can help to build opportunities and also bridge us together.</li> <li>• Private sector is ready to advocate for inclusive and co-created solutions.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Ms. Cindy McCain - Executive Director, World Food Programme</p>	<p>Closing</p>	<p>Reformed UN Country Teams, with the support of initiatives like the Food Systems Window of the Joint SDG Fund, are repositioning to bring home the outcomes of the SDG Summit: integration of all sectors, context-specific alignment behind national visions and thirst to work with the ecosystem of support to transition out of (humanitarian-) development assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fund offers an opportunity to forge new partnerships across the public and private sectors.</li> <li>• Now more than ever, we need businesses on board to achieve lasting change in our food systems. They can help us develop the smart innovations and solutions required to build resilience and reduce hunger. We will never succeed without their investment and expertise.</li> <li>• The way the fund has been designed will also encourage greater coordination and collaboration – which is fundamental if we are going to achieve our shared goals. We all need to break out of our silos and move forward together. Critically, the fund will support national priorities and power up partnerships led by governments to drive progress at the country level.</li> <li>• Humanitarian needs continue to grow around the world, we need a genuine, multi-sectoral partnership to strengthen global food systems and end hunger. The new Food Systems Window is our opportunity to bring this shared aspiration to life. We must seize it and step up our efforts to build a more resilient, sustainable future for everyone - no matter where in the world they live.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Mr. Mohamed Manssouri, Director of Investment Centre, Food and Agriculture Organization</p>	<p>Moderator</p>	<p>The Window’s value add and connecting UNCT short-term catalytic support on policy, governance, etc. to longer-term efforts from food systems actors, especially from the food finance architecture, in the context of intensifying resource mobilization efforts.</p>

## Interventions from the floor

SPEAKER	QUESTION OR KEY POINT OF INTERVENTION
1. Helena Wright- FAIRR Initiative	Welcomed today's announcement of the Joint SDG Fund – through this instrument the public and private sector can work together to scale up finance in more sustainable food systems.

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

1. Food systems transformation has been identified as one of the transformative entry points to bring the SDGs back on track.
2. We know that we must harness each country's specific agrifood systems finance architecture. In today's context of scarce finance, public and private, domestic and external financing, more innovative finance, must strategically incentivize the much-needed transformations in the longer run. The Food Systems Window of the Joint SDG Fund is an opportunity to direct financing to the governance of agrifood systems transformation as a vital accelerator of transformation.
3. Panellists presented how to maximise the complementarity between institutions, mandates and the Food Systems Window. Partnerships among all stakeholders and sectors has been highlighted as key to avoid fragmentation, strengthen global food systems and end hunger.
4. A fully capitalized Food Systems Window will play a critical role in mobilizing broader support and financing, from domestic public funding and private sector investments for food systems transformation. It will help turn national priorities into reality with impact that goes beyond food systems and help to rescue all the SDGs.
5. The Food Systems Window will help turn national priorities into realities, generate impact that will address the ongoing crises, and offers a unique opportunity to boost national food systems transformations steered by governments.