

Food Systems Transformation - Linking Assessment and Dialogue to Investment and Action

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Background

Global food systems are in need of transformation to become more sustainable, resilient and inclusive. A range of pressure including rapid population growth, urbanization, resources depletion, change in consumption patterns and the effect of climate change are challenging their ability to provide nutritious food and ensure a decent livelihood in an environmentally sustainable way.

Food systems are key to the global economy as they provide many jobs and returns along value chains from production to consumption. However, in many countries, constraints to sustainably transform them, are far beyond agricultural production aspects. Globally, there is enough food to potentially feed everyone, while preventing the dual health burdens of malnutrition and obesity, but policies and investments have to take into account the need for systemic transformation.

The solutions are complex. Each regional, national and sub-national food system has its own specificities and set of hurdles, which means that a solution for one may not apply to all, but stakeholders can learn from each other's way of improving the system. Therefore, a continuous dialogue between all actors at national, regional, and international level is beneficial.

Objectives

This side event shares experiences and lessons on how Governments have collaborated with diverse stakeholders to unpack roadmaps for food systems transformation, in view of

aligning the needed investments to national policies and priorities.

It will provide participants with examples of leveraging political will, mobilizing stakeholders and financial partners, fostering private sector innovations, and implementing investment and policy agendas to transform food systems.

Expected outcomes

- Showcasing operational models on how countries can use the gathered evidence and the on-going dialogues for the planning, the formulation and the implementation of policy and the prioritisation of investments to address specific food system challenges.
- Use lessons from Sierra Leone and Bhutan, and insights from IFIs and private sector innovators to guide food systems' transformation, sustainable value chain development and scaling up in other countries.
- Learning about institutional, policy and investment innovations by other countries and institutions.

Moderator

Mr Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, DG INTPA, European Commission

Panellists

H.E. Francesc Piagie Alghali, Minister of State, Office of the Vice President, Sierra Leone

H.E. Dr Yeshey Penjor, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture, Bhutan

Mr Kirti Prasanna Mishra, Director, Ecociate, India

Ms Thouraya Triki, Director, Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division, IFAD

Closing remarks

Mr Mohamed Manssouri, Director, FAO Investment Centre

Programme

12:30 Introduction

Leonard Mizzi will introduce the critical connection between the Food Systems Assessments, dialogue, and meaningful actions and investments to support food systems transformation.

12:35 Roundtable discussions

Sierra Leone and Bhutan are the two pilot countries to implement a sustainable food systems transformation. Though the work is at an initial phase, the preliminary learnings show how they can leverage political will, mobilize stakeholder interest, and engage financial partners.

12:55 Engagement with audience

Interactive session giving the audience the opportunity to engage with the panel, ask questions and give their insights.

13:20 Closing remarks and way forward

Mohamed Manssouri will conclude the session and give a round-up of the plan ahead for concrete action towards food systems transformation.