

# Food Systems Transformation Amid Polycrisis

*Addressing climate, food insecurity, malnutrition, and conflict*

25 July, 12:30-13:25 (CET) – German Room, C269



Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All



## Background and objectives

Food systems in **fragile settings** are facing a **polycrisis** feeding off conflicts, economic crises, **climate change**, food insecurity, **malnutrition**. Billions struggle to secure their basic needs and access nutrient-rich diets, with conflict as a primary driver of acute hunger. Climate change intensifies crises, destroying food systems and escalating conflicts. In regions like the Arab countries protracted conflicts have disrupted food production and distribution, increased food insecurity, compounded by high levels of forced displacement which have added further strains on resources.

The session provides a **space for affected countries to share their experiences in implementing actions** that address these interconnected drivers of crises and learn from one another. It offers insights on means of implementation, and context-driven solutions to transform food systems and enhance their resilience and sustainability.

## Expected outcomes

Identify joint opportunities for “polyactions” that leverage food systems transformation in fragile settings to address the underlying drivers of conflicts, climate change, malnutrition, economic crises, and forced displacement.

Help foster cross-fertilization between different tools, knowledge, and advocacy initiatives that play a key role in national implementation

Elevate voices from affected countries and local actors to frame and inform global discussions and multilateral negotiations, in particular 2023 SDGs Summit or COP28.

## Moderator

**H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Dukheiri,**

Director General, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)

## Welcoming Notes

**Dr. Rola Dashti**

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

## Panellists

**H.E. Mrs. Inaya Ezziddine**

Member of the Lebanese Parliament, Chairperson of Women & Children & SDG 2030 Agenda Parliamentary Committees - National convener of Lebanon

**Ms. Karima Ahmed Al-Hada'a**

Yemen Shadow National Convenor, planning and Liaison Specialist at Scaling-Up Nutrition Secretariat, Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation, Yemen. The Global SUN Movement Executive Committee Member.

**Dr. Maria Odete Do Céu Guterres**

Director General of Agriculture for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - Timor Leste

## Programme

- 12:30 Opening session
- 12:35 Interactive panel of countries
- 13:00 Interactive exchanges with audience
- 13:20 Closing remarks and call for action