

1ST UN FOOD SYSTEMS STOCKTAKING MOMENT

Executive Summary of the Event's Roadmap

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Background, context and hosting details

The UN-Secretary General has committed in his Chair Summary and Statement of Action on the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS) 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.” The first of these Food Systems Stocktaking moments (STM) should take place in 2023.

The STM will be held in a world that has substantially changed from what it was during the UN FSS, due to a number of pre-existing and ongoing issues including, but not limited to, the triple planetary crisis, the increase of food prices and the impacts of conflicts on food systems.

The Stocktaking Moment is convened by the UN Secretary-General, hosted by the Government of Italy in collaboration with the Rome-based Agencies of the United Nations – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) – the United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub, and the wider United Nations system.

The Stocktaking Moment will take place in Rome, Italy from 24 to 26 July 2023, on the premises of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Objectives

An overall framing for the event lies around the narrative of “*Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Prosperity: Diverse pathways in a shared journey*”. Starting from this idea, the event serves as a make-or-break moment to maintain and generate further momentum on action for food systems transformation in support of SDGs acceleration. To do that, the STM focuses on three objectives:

1. **Convene** countries and stakeholders to review progress on the commitments to action that were made during the FSS and identify successes, enduring bottlenecks and priorities in order to close the implementation gap by effectively and efficiently utilizing the Means of Implementation for food systems transformation;
2. **Socialize** the powerful role of sustainable, equitable, healthy and resilient food systems as critical SDG accelerators among world leaders, national decision-makers and practitioners and food systems actors;
3. **Advocate** for urgent action at scale, building on the latest evidence that sustainable food systems contribute to better and more sustainable outcomes

for people, planet and prosperity leaving no one behind, by sharing concrete cases of transformation action led by state and non-state actors.

Programme

The event will include a high-level opening segment, three high-level-sessions during the opening day, four plenary sessions, several leadership dialogues, special events and side events as well as a high-level closing session. The high-level opening will see the participation of the UN Secretary-General, the Prime Minister of Italy and a group of select Heads of States and governments. The programme of the STM evolves around the following storyline and materializes through 3+1 streams of sessions.

Storyline and streams

To further **socialize** with leaders and practitioners the powerful role of sustainable, equitable, healthy and resilient food systems in rescuing the SDGs, the STM opening session, in the first day, will be complemented by three high-level sessions on school meals, finance and climate that will be showcasing the transformative potential of food systems across all the dimensions of sustainable development. These sessions will feature the participation of Heads of States/Governments and other leaders from the wide food systems community of state and non-state actors.

To **convene** countries and stakeholders to review progress and to identify challenges and opportunities, the event includes four Plenary Sessions that will focus on answering the following questions:

- i. How is food systems transformation happening in practice? (Plenary 1)
- ii. How can we advance food systems transformation for a more resilient future? (Plenary 2)
- iii. How can we use Means of Implementation in an effective and efficient way? (Plenary 3)
- iv. How is the food systems agenda linked to other transformation areas? (Plenary 4)

To **advocate for urgent action at scale, building on the latest** evidence that sustainable food systems contribute to better and more sustainable outcomes for people, planet and prosperity, leaving no one behind, the event includes: a) Leadership Dialogues that are intrinsically linked to the plenary sessions; and Special Events to contribute towards a very practical and solutions oriented global learning.

Complimentary to this programme, a number of side events will provide a space for peer-learning and brainstorming in a number of areas related to the food systems transformation agenda.

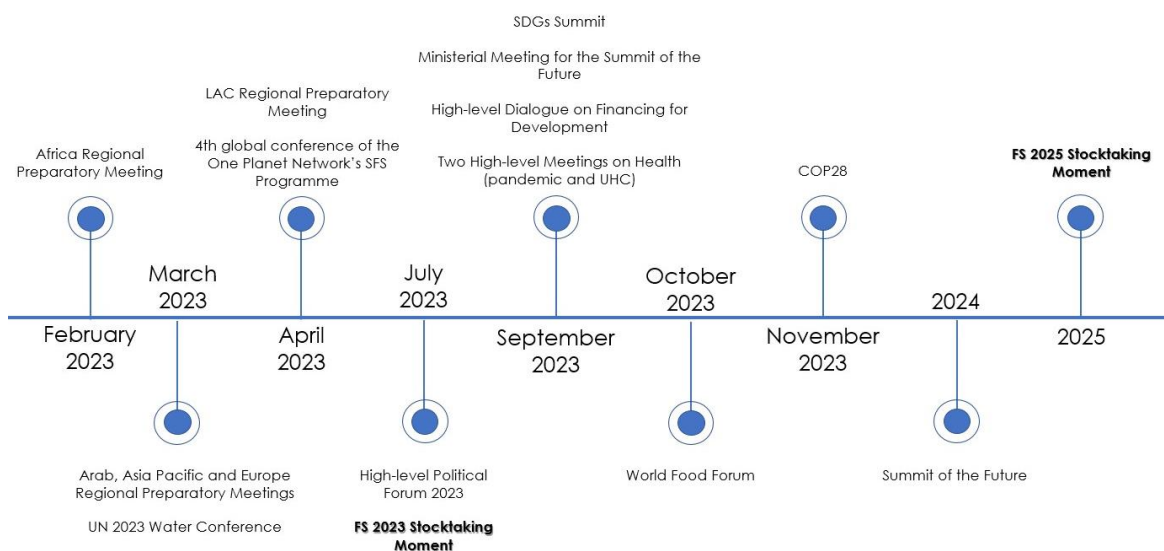
An outline of the programme is included in Annex 1. Please note that all sessions are to be confirmed and the final programme might include substantive changes.

Preparations and complementarities with other key 2023 meetings

To energize participation, all countries have been invited to hold national consultations building on and modelled after the national dialogues organized ahead of the UN FSS.

As part of the preparations for the STM, the Hub has convened a series of five one-day regional preparatory meetings, in the margins of the Regional Fora on Sustainable Development (RFSDs), in coordination with the five Regional Commissions, the Regional Opportunities/Issue-Based Coalitions, the regional offices of the agencies that currently support the Hub, as well as key regional bodies. These meetings were attended by more than 400 in-person participants and several hundreds more online, representing governments, National Convenors, the UN system and stakeholders. The meeting provided an opportunity to capture regional priorities and challenges ahead of the STM and demonstrated Member States' high interest and engagement to actively participate in the STM.

A number of global meetings planned for 2023 could provide venues for pre- and post-Stocktaking Moment engagement to further promote messages on food systems and the SDGs, as well as connect and build bridges across agendas. These meetings include but are not limited to: the One-Planet Network Global Conference (April 2023, Viet Nam); the HLPF 2023 (July 2023, NY), the SDGs Summit (September 2023, NY), the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (September 2023, NY), COP28 (November 2023, UAE). (See full list in figure below).



Engagement and mobilization strategy

Building on the legacy of the UN FSS hailed as a “People’s Summit”, the STM will ensure a robust mobilization and engagement of stakeholders, of the science community and of the ecosystem of support, including coalitions. The engagement and mobilization strategy will ensure timely awareness-raising and outreach through multiple channels about the STM. Three groups will be partners of choice for the Hub in rolling out this strategy:

- **The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC):**

- **The Stakeholders Engagement, Networking and Advisory (SENA) Group**
- **The Food Systems Coalitions**

Through an open call for participation of non-state actors in the event, a space will be created for a multiplicity of voices to be heard during the event.

Outcome

The STM will project a strong sense of urgency as well as optimism grounded in evidence, data and insight that food system transformations have started to happen. The global community should leave the STM with a strengthened common understanding that the pace of transformation needs to accelerate and be in synergy with the other key transitions (energy, education, jobs and social protection, digitalization and climate) advancing the 2030 Agenda.

A Secretary-General report will be issued ahead of the STM as a major input into the meeting. The content of the report will be informed by a solid analysis of the progress in the implementation of the food systems national pathways adopted as part of the UN FSS. The Secretary-General report will also include an account of the UN system's and broader food systems ecosystem's activities in support of the follow-up to the Summit.

Stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the preparation of the STM, including through a "Stakeholders' Contribution" document (shadow report), the preparation of which will be led by the Stakeholders Engagement, Networking and Advisory (SENA) Group of the Hub.

The outcome of the STM will feed directly in the SDG Summit in September 2023. Various options are under consideration regarding its format/modality, including a SG Statement, a Chair Summary and a Call for Action.

Annex 1: Draft Outline of the Food Systems Stocktaking Moment Programme

Draft Programme for the 2023 UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment

	MONDAY 24 JULY			TUESDAY 25 JULY			WEDNESDAY 26 JULY		
	Plenary Sessions	Leadership Dialogues	Special Events	Plenary Sessions	Leadership Dialogues	Special Events	Plenary Sessions	Leadership Dialogues	Special Events
09:00									
10:00	School Meals	Trade	Progress on Food Systems Transformation	Food Systems Transformation in Practice – Successes, Challenges and the Way Forward	Food Systems for the People	Africa Special event (IDTFAA)	Mobilizing means of implementation for food systems transformation	Science, Technology and Innovation Roundtable, with the Science Advisory Committee	Governance for Food Systems
11:00	Financing Food Systems Transformation	Coalitions of Action Roundtable	The true cost of food		Food Systems for the Planet	Blue Transformations		Empowering National Convenors	Aerospace technology for Food Systems
12:00			Agricultural inputs (fertilizers)			Mediterranean Diet			Launching the Food Systems Window of the SDG Fund
13:00			Side Events			Side Events		Side Events	
14:00									
15:00	Official Opening			Resilience and Future Proofing of Food Systems Transformation	Food Systems for Prosperity	Digitalization for resilient Food Systems	Towards the SDG Summit, the Summit of the Future and the 2025 Food Systems Stocktaking	Food Loss and Waste	Side Events
16:00	Food Systems and Climate Action	Stakeholder Roundtable	Cities for Food Systems transformation		Partnerships for Food Systems	Supply Chains		Official Closing	
17:00				Private sector					
18:00									