

**Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security
at the
UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake (UNFSS+4)
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 27-29, 2025
Tuesday, 29 July, 13:00 in Room CR-4.**

Venue: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Mobilizing Investment for SDG 2: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships

Agenda

Keynote:

H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Presentation state of play:

Dr. Conrad Rein, Secretary General Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security

Panel discussion:

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkathani, Executive Director of AGFUND, Co-Chair and Founding Member of the Global Flagship

H.E. Dr. Rola Dashti, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

H.E. Dr. Osama Faqeeha, Deputy Minister for Environmental Affairs at MEWA, Saudi Arabia

H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Former President of BADEA, President-elect of the AfDB; Founding Member of the Global Flagship

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Abdi Ware, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Followed by Q&A

Background

The Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security launched on Agri-Food Systems Day 2024 at the COP16 UN Desertification Conference in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A global coalition of development partners is leading this initiative to address food insecurity, poverty and land degradation, with focus on the Sahel and IGAD (Horn of Africa) regions.

By leveraging innovation and strengthening international cooperation, the Flagship Initiative will deliver lasting, transformative impact for food systems across Africa and beyond.

The Flagship Initiative steps in at a critical moment. We are currently seeing rising global tensions, persistent inflation and declining foreign aid. To ensure food security for the future, now is the moment to advance food supply resilience, through investment and awareness.

The Flagship Initiative works across three pillars:

Collaborate Broadly

- Engage partners across governments, NGOs, multilateral bodies and communities to advance food security through inclusive, apolitical collaboration.
- Align strategically to complement existing efforts and unlock synergies.

Mobilize the Private Sector

- Attract bold, large-scale private sector commitments to drive sustainable, climate-smart food systems.
- Engage business leaders, innovators and financiers to scale up implementation and bridge innovation gaps.

Deliver Impact with Agility

- Prioritize high-return interventions that can be rapidly deployed for measurable impact.
- Launch field-ready projects that improve food security, restore land and expand economic opportunities.

Backed by the Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND), the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the Islamic Development Bank, the OPEC Fund, the Crop Trust, UNCCD, and more than 50 partners worldwide, the Flagship Initiative champions sustainable food systems, community empowerment and long-term resilience.