

# Strengthening Policy Coherence and Convergence for Food Systems Transformation: Tools, Case Studies, and Pathways

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## Organizers:

Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG), Switzerland; Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN); Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme (OPN SFSP)

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## Background and objectives

Strengthening policy coherence is essential for sustainable food systems transformation, ensuring that sectoral strategies align with nutrition, sustainability, and equity objectives.

This event will sensitize participants to the importance of coherent food systems policies, introduce diagnostic tools for identifying and addressing policy conflicts, and examine the constraints and opportunities for constructing integrated policy frameworks.

By showcasing innovative approaches and country experiences, it aims to equip stakeholders with practical tools for prioritizing reforms, fostering systemic governance, and accelerating progress toward the SDGs, in alignment with the objectives of the UNFSS+4 process.

The three key objectives of the event are:

- (1) Sensitize governments and their development partners as to the fundamental importance of strengthening the coherence of policies impacting food systems,

## Moderator

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## Panellists

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- (2) Introduce diagnostic approaches for identifying areas of incoherence and determining mechanisms for strengthening coherence,
- (3) Illustrate the constraints and opportunities available to governments and regional organizations to constructing more coherent food systems policies.

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### Expected outcomes

The expected outcomes of the event are:

- (i) an increased appreciation of the urgent need to strengthen the coherence of food systems policies and
- (ii) country uptake of tools and approaches that equip governments to identify, prioritize and policy reform in line with food systems transformation.

### Programme

**07:45** Opening remarks

**07:55** National experiences in the alignment of policies

**08:00** Presentation of approaches

**08:20** High level Panel discussion of Government Representatives

**08:45** Moderated discussion

**08:55** Closing remarks



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