Focus of the 10YFP/SFS Programme Trust Fund call for proposals

For this specific 10YFP SFS Programme Trust Fund call for proposals, focus will be placed onto “Tackling the food and nutrition challenge through multi-stakeholder collaboration – Adopting a systems approach to promote sustainability along the food value chain”.

The SFS programme looks for projects that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular SDGs 2 and 12 as well as targets of other SDGs that are of relevance to sustainable food systems. Priority will be given to project proposals that demonstrate that they respond to country and/or local needs and contribute to the objectives of the 10YFP.

It is underlined that the 10YFP emphasizes the need for “collective impact”, which implies that stakeholders are working in stable and effective partnerships to jointly achieve the project’s goals and objectives. The use of a multi-stakeholder approach and including active involvement of local stakeholders in the implementation of the proposed activities is recommended. Applicants are encouraged to propose new ideas, methods, products or processes to be applied to project implementation.

Funding Windows: This call for proposals supports two types of broad categories of projects, designed to ensure both short term results (“Immediate Action Projects”) as well as more strategic, collaborative efforts with longer term impacts (“Strategic Impact Projects”).

Window 1: Immediate Action Projects

These projects contribute to the achievement of the goal of the SFS Programme to accelerate the shift towards more sustainable food systems. They fall under at least one of the programme’s work areas, are in line with the respective priority activities, and will be implemented by at least one actor of the SFS Programme. This may cover a range of activities such as:

- Awareness raising campaigns on the need to adopt sustainable diets;
- Disseminating case studies of successful innovations for sustainable food consumption and production;
- Conducting multi-stakeholder roundtables to help inform interconnected policy-making towards sustainable food systems;
- Promoting the application of existing methodologies and tools for the reduction of food losses and waste.

Window 2: Strategic Impact Projects:

These projects contribute to the achievement of the goal of the SFS Programme to accelerate the shift towards more sustainable food systems. They fall within one the focus themes of the SFS Programme, cut across at least two of its work areas and are in line with the respective priority activities, and they link several elements of food systems from production to consumption.

In addition, a successful Strategic Impact Project will address a core problem related to sustainable food systems, and have the potential to be a game changer as well as for upscaling and/or transfer to other national/regional contexts. Preference will be given to high quality proposals that involve multiple food system actors from different stakeholder groups, among
them at least two actors of the SFS Programme.

Strategic Impact Projects may cover a mix of a range of activities including, *inter alia*:

- Facilitating access to information and tools promoting sustainable practices and resilience in food production systems;
- Enabling consumers to make better informed choices, through tools such as sustainability information schemes;
- Organizing capacity development and training among different stakeholder groups to promote sustainable diets in the context of sustainable food systems;
- Facilitating the use of market-based mechanisms (e.g. incentives for ecosystem services) and voluntary approaches (e.g. voluntary standards and labels) to promote sustainability along the food value chain;
- Developing technical tools and databases to valuate natural capital for all major commodities in the food sector.