

3rd Global Conference

Sustainable Food Systems Programme



CONTEXT

Current food systems are unsustainable. Although yields per hectare have increased significantly in many parts of the world in the last few decades, over 680 million people go to bed hungry every day. Habitats, including soils, are increasingly degraded, causing an unprecedented decline in biodiversity, compromising our ability to produce food and increasing the risk of new diseases with pandemic potential. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the food value chain account for up to 37% of the GHG emissions worldwide, and still approximately one third of all food produced is lost or wasted. Complex and often non-transparent supply chains hinder accountability, which can lead to exploitation and fraud. People in many parts of the world are shifting to high-calorie, low-nutrient unhealthy diets, a major risk for human health: non-communicable diseases like diabetes and obesity are on the rise.

Transformation to more sustainable food systems will require profound changes in how we produce, process, retail, consume and dispose of food. It will also require a systems approach that includes all voices in the decision-making process and recognizes the interconnection, trade-offs and synergies across outcomes related to food security, nutrition, and environmental, social and economic sustainability. Join us at the Sustainable Food Systems Programme 3rd global conference to help catalyze food systems transformation and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dates: 25 November – 3 December 2020

More info [here](#).



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OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The conference will provide substantial input to the UN Food Systems Summit scheduled for 2021, by building on the achievements of the SFS Programme's membership during the first five years of implementation as well as the outcomes of the Programme's previous two global conferences.

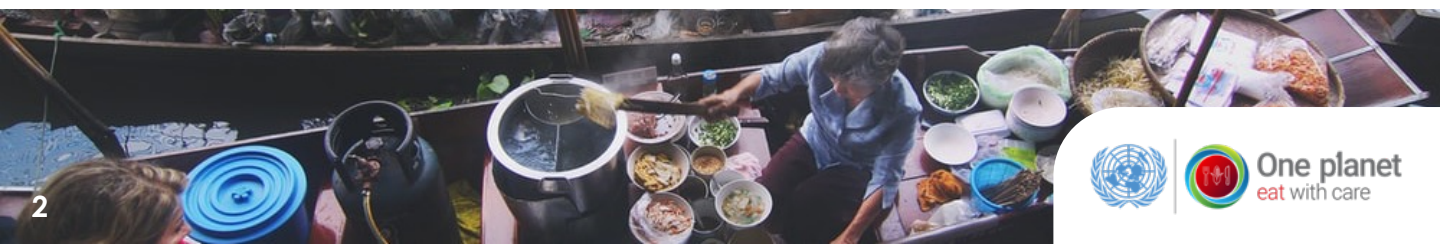
The conference will be a major milestone in the preparation of the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, strengthening cohesion among major initiatives and leading actors in the area of food systems and recommending widely supported actions and mechanisms to promote sustainable food systems.

Objectives

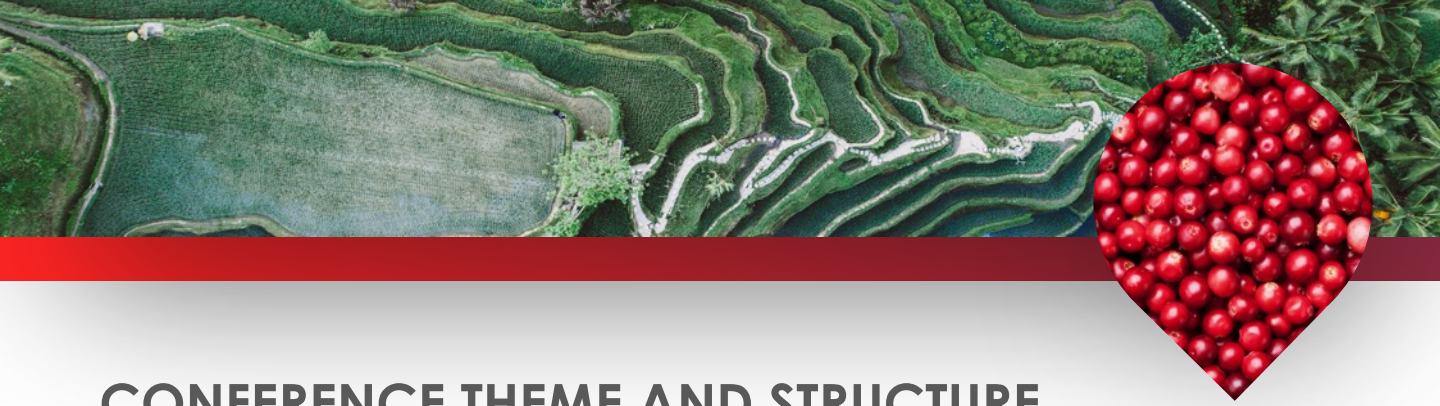
- Strengthen the common vision that inclusive multi-stakeholder collaboration is essential to achieve the set of key actions and implementation mechanisms for the profound transformation that our food systems require;
- Provide a platform for structured discussion around the science underlying global efforts to characterize and assess progress towards more sustainable food systems;
- Build alliances that can deliver actionable commitments;
- Raise the political importance of sustainable food systems among public and private sector leaders.

Outcomes

- Provide science-based recommendations on the range of actions that can advance food systems transformation within the priority areas identified in the outcome of the 2nd global conference, in contribution to the Action Tracks of the Food Systems Summit 2021;
- Provide recommendations that can help define the implementation mechanisms, including accountability mechanisms, for such proposed actions.



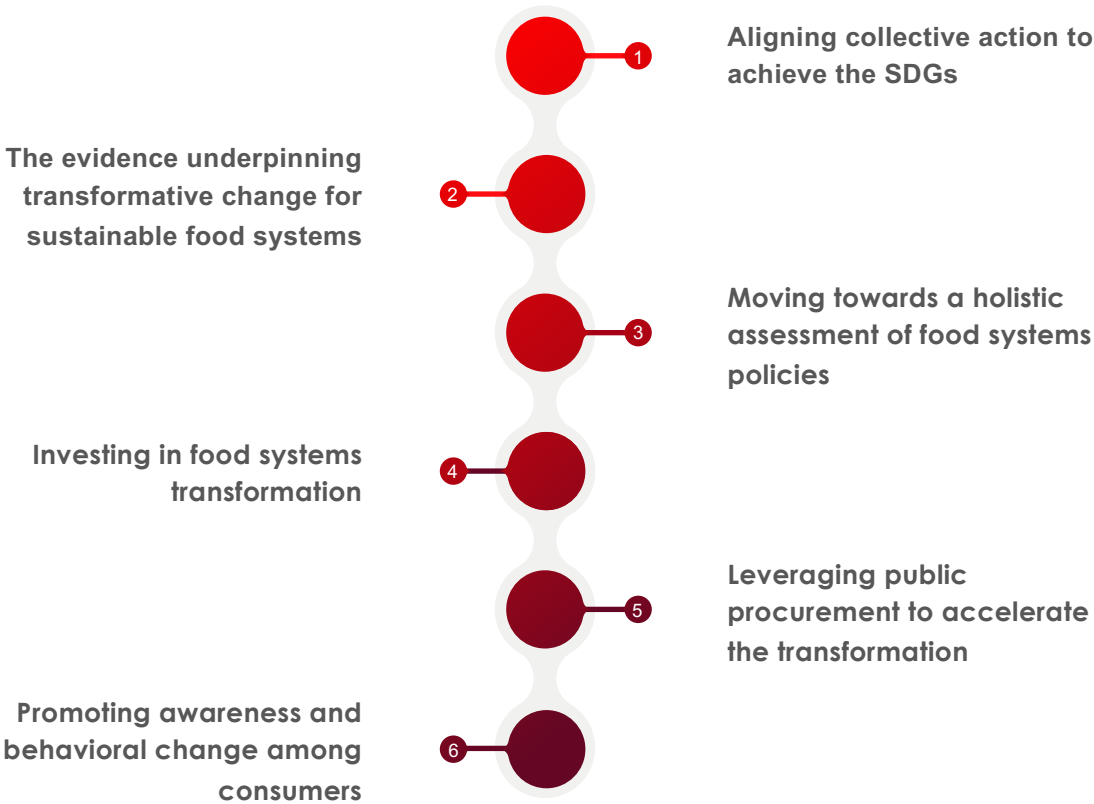
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CONFERENCE THEME AND STRUCTURE

The conference theme is centered around the catalyzing role that food systems have for the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals. Food systems are both an obstacle as well as a source of solutions for meeting the vision and targets set out by the SDGs. The organizers of the 3rd global SFS Programme conference are committed to coordinate closely with the Special Envoy, ensuring the conference produces concrete outcomes that contribute towards the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

The 3rd global conference will focus on the following priority areas:



The UN One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme

MANDATE & VISION



The Heads of State mandate on SDG12: from production to consumption of food

The SFS Programme is part of the One Planet network, formed to implement the UN 10-Year Framework for Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP). The 10YFP was adopted by Heads of State and Government in 2012 at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), with the aim to promote cooperation to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production (SCP).



As one of the most transversal issues of the SDGs, the topic of SCP is a key enabler for all goals of the 2030 Agenda. The 10YFP is the only UN initiative that is explicitly mentioned in the SDGs. Where it is conceived as an implementation mechanism for SDG12.

The aim of this Heads of State mandated multi-stakeholder partnership is to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns in all areas related to food, in fulfilment of the vision that "All food systems are sustainable, delivering food security and nutrition for present and future generations".



The SFS Programme: a vision of multi-stakeholder dialogue to accelerate the shift to sustainable food systems

The One Planet network SFS Programme is a 5-year long inclusive dialogue among food system stakeholders that is based on their wide range of on-the-ground research, experiences, policies and initiatives.

The SFS Programme currently has over 170 members worldwide, bringing together leading organizations from government, the UN system, civil society, the scientific community, and private sector.



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