

One Planet Sustainable Food Systems Programme

17th MAC meeting (teleconference)

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Draft summary report

Summary of main discussion points, outcomes and decisions:

- The 10YFP Secretariat presented the current status of discussions on the 10YFP / One Planet network post-2022. A new strategy for multilateral cooperation on Sustainable Consumption and Production is currently being elaborated, with a pillar on strengthening the science-policy interface through a value-chain approach. **MAC members are invited to serve as experts to support the further development process of the strategy.**
- The Co-Leads will launch the process for the bi-annual renewal of the MAC in March, following the established process.
- Five new Programme partners were adopted: Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA); Ingenio Foundation; The Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD); 1treellion; and ProVeg.
- **MAC Members are invited to form part of an ad hoc task group to reinforce the SFS Programme's advocacy efforts towards the Food Systems Summit (UNFSS).**
- In addition, for better coordination **MAC members are invited to inform the Co-Leads about their planned side events and other possibilities to collaborate around events leading to the UNFSS.**
- The Co-Leads informed about initial discussions with the Innovation Lever of Change team, to potentially form a cluster focusing on multi-stakeholder collaboration, with the idea to build this work around the tools of the SFS Programme. The MAC considered this as an opportunity of strategic importance for the SFS Programme.
- The MAC found that there are a series of further entry points for the SFS Programme to contribute to the UNFSS, through its core initiatives and affiliated projects, task forces and other working groups, as well as its tools. **The Co-Leads will take stock of the strategically relevant Programme activities and outputs and map them against the different entry points.**
- The MAC will review the SFS Programme's workplan, including the role of core initiatives and task forces, in light of the outcomes of the UNFSS at its first meeting after the UNFSS.
- The following three tools of the SFS Toolbox have been finalized: "SFS Glossary" Towards a Common Understanding of Sustainable Food Systems; Collaborative Framework for Food Systems Transformation; Case studies. **MAC Members are invited to form part of an ad hoc task group for the further promotion of the toolbox.**
- The 10YFP Secretariat is currently developing the new website to facilitate the work of the One Planet network, with a planned launch date of April 2021.
- The next MAC meeting is tentatively planned for June 2021. The Co-Leads will send out a doodle to find a suitable date and time.

1. Introduction

1.1 Welcome and adoption of agenda

Mr. Roberto Azofeifa, *Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture (Costa Rica)*, welcomed all participants to the 17th MAC meeting. He then outlined the main objectives of this MAC meeting, which were to: inform on the upcoming MAC renewal process and the status of discussions on the 10YFP / One Planet network post-2022; discuss concrete ways for the SFS Programme to contribute to the Food Systems Summit through its different work streams (core initiatives, task forces, other working groups, affiliated projects, etc.); and identify opportunities for joint advocacy.

Finally, Mr. Azofeifa presented the draft agenda of the 17th MAC meeting. As there were no comments with regards to content, he declared the agenda as adopted.

1.2 Adoption of summary report of the 16th MAC meeting

Before going into the content of the 17th MAC meeting, Mr. Azofeifa presented the summary report of the 16th MAC meeting. As there were no further comments by the MAC members, he declared it as adopted.

2. Issues related to governance and membership

2.1 Current discussions on 10YFP / One Planet network post-2022

Mr. Charles Arden-Clarke, *10YFP Secretariat*, presented the current status of discussions on the 10YFP / One Planet network post-2022. He stressed the need for a continued mandate for multilateral cooperation on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), highlighting that this was an opportunity to broaden and strengthen the global strategy on SCP as well as to re-think the operational structure required to deliver on this strategy. The aim is to launch the strategy at the Stockholm +50 conference in 2022.

The following four pillars are currently foreseen for the strategy: strengthening the science-policy interface through a value-chain approach; leveraging existing multilateral agreements to operationalize SCP – includes environmental and economic agreements; bridging global cooperation and agenda-setting on SCP with national implementation; and facilitating the road to 2022 through advocacy and knowledge. A series of consultations on the “value-chain approach” pillar is planned to take place from March through November 2021, in which MAC members are invited to engage.

In the discussion that followed, MAC members expressed their concern with regard to the “value-chain approach” pillar of the strategy as it relates to food. A food value chain approach is commodity based and therefore much narrower in scope than the holistic, systems-based approach that the SFS Programme is promoting. This will need to be reflected in the new global strategy on SCP.

The MAC will further discuss the draft strategy and the SFS Programme’s possible role in the implementation thereof, in its upcoming meetings. In the meantime, **MAC members are invited to express their interest to serve as experts to support the further development process of the strategy.**

2.2 MAC renewal process 2021

Patrick Mink, *Federal Office for Agriculture (Switzerland)*, announced that the Co-Leads will set up the process for the bi-annual renewal of the MAC, following the established process:

- In March, the Co-Leads will send an invitation to first-term MAC members to re-confirm their interest to continue to serve on the advisory committee for another term.
- In April, the Co-Leads will send an invitation to all Programme partners to apply for vacant MAC seats. MAC members that have already served more than one term, will also have to re-apply.
- In June/July, an online vote will be held in case there are more applicants that seats available.
- Outgoing members can continue to participate in MAC meetings as observers.

2.3 New Programme partners

Mr. Michaël Sapin, *Federal Office for Agriculture (Switzerland)*, informed the MAC about the new Programme partners, which are: Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA); Ingenio Foundation; The Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD); 1treellion; and ProVeg.

3. Strengthening synergies, partnerships and collaborations

3.1 Feedback on the 3rd Global Conference of the SFS Programme

Mr. Michael Mulet, *WWF*, reminded the MAC of the key outcomes of the conference, which were a set of recommendations around the following areas: the importance to deliver science-based, integrated and coherent policies that address and manage trade-offs; dealing with trade-offs requires inclusive and participatory approaches, centring the most marginalized in order to correct unfair power imbalances; supporting innovation that can deliver on sustainability, whether in terms of aligning financial flows or rewarding good practices and business models that tackle the SDGs; and prioritizing catalyzer solutions such as school meal sustainable procurement, which in turn can be used to educate our future generations.

MAC members provided positive feedback on the conference, highlighting that:

- The SFS Programme managed to better show its added value, including by disseminating the knowledge, tools and solutions created by the Programme;
- The SFS Programme managed to move into substantial and in-depth discussions; and
- Through the inclusive nature of the preparatory process, MAC members were more engaged.

3.2 Promotion of SFSP Conference outcomes and contributions to the Food Systems Summit (UNFSS)

The aim of this session was to gain a better understanding of the different contributions that the SFS Programme members can make to the UNFSS, both individually as well as from a SFS Programme perspective. The MAC discussed opportunities for joint advocacy towards the UNFSS (e.g. to promote the conference outcomes), possible entry points to get actively engaged in the UNFSS processes, as well as ways to link SFS Programme tools and activities with the UNFSS support structures.

3.2.1 MAC members' contributions

Participants informed about their involvement in the UNFSS process:

- WWF is leading the efforts of Action Track (AT) 3, with Joao Campari in the role as AT chair.
- Costa Rica will be organizing a national Food Systems Summit Dialogue (FSSD), as well as an independent one in the Central American Integration System (SICA) region.
- Nestlé engages mainly through the World Business Council on Sustainable Development and the CFS Private Sector Mechanism with the UNFSS process.
- FAO is engaged at different levels, in particular:
 - o The Director-General is a member of the Advisory Committee;
 - o Both the Chief Economist and the Chief Scientist are members of the Scientific Group;
 - o The organization supports national level FSSDs.
- IPES-Food is actively engaged in AT3.
- Switzerland is involved in the affiliated Member States groups of AT2 and AT3, and conducting a national and sub-national level FSSD.
- INRAE's Jean François Sussana is on the Scientific Group and INRAE is collaborating as part of the France-CGIAR group preparing a report on agroecology to be submitted to the UNFSS.
- Food Networks is organizing independent regional FSSDs in Nepal.
- UNEP is leading the UN Task Force - which ensures coordinated engagement of the UN System in the preparatory process, and engaging countries and cities in the organization of FSSDs. In

relation to AT2, UNEP is leading the Food Waste workstream; supporting an independent FSSD on Food Losses and Waste; and working to develop a FLW module for national FSSDs.

- Biovision Foundation is involved in the ACAI 2 “manage” of the AT3.
- The Global Nature Fund is involved in the elaboration of the EU Commission Initiative "Code of Conduct for Business and Marketing Practices" for the Food Sector - an initiative within the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, with the aim to be presented to the UNFSS.

3.2.2 *SFS Programme advocacy and outreach*

Mr. Mulet presented a timeline with key events to promote the SFS approach and the SFS Programme conference outcomes, highlighting among others the CFS meeting in June, as well as the FAO Conference and the Pre-Summit event in July. Mr. Arden-Clarke added that this year’s High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July will have a focus on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Mr. Mulet highlighted that SFS Programme members can leverage key events to promote the SFS Approach and SFS Programme conference outcomes, including by:

- Supporting the adoption of strong, ambitious food systems targets in key convention conference outcomes (e.g. CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, etc.);
- Supporting multi-stakeholder governance frameworks in key convention conference outcomes;
- Supporting coordination and policy coherence mechanisms between conventions and multi-lateral processes; and
- Supporting the inclusion of sustainable food systems in COVID-19 recovery plans.

For better coordination, **MAC members are invited to inform the Co-Leads about their planned side events and other possibilities to collaborate around such events.**

In addition, Mr. Mulet suggested to form an ad hoc task group to reinforce the SFS Programme’s advocacy efforts towards the UNFSS in a more strategic way. This would be very close to the scope of task force 4 on partnerships. **MAC members are invited to express their interest to be part of that task group.**

Mr. Mulet then presented possible “entry points”, i.e. opportunities for Programme members to get engaged and bring relevant activities of the SFS Programme into the work of the ATs and the Levers of Change, as well as through the FSSDs. This may include tools such as the “SFS Glossary”, the Collaborative Framework and the Case Studies, and relevant work of the different core initiatives and possibly affiliated projects, as well as the Task Forces and other working groups of the SFS Programme.

He highlighted the example of the SFS Med Platform, which has offered to collaborate with the SFS Programme on a joint independent FSSD, in which the outcomes of the SFS Programme conference would be considered as a basis for discussions. In this context, he invited MAC members to consider organizing their own FSSDs, and/or to look for opportunities to feed the conclusions of the 3rd global SFS Programme conference into the dialogues they may already be organizing.

Regarding the ATs, Mr. Mulet informed that these are expected to build “platform hubs” or “solution platforms”. These would be coalitions that can be joined by interested stakeholders, to further concretize and operationalize the “game-changing solutions” submitted to the ATs through the open online surveys.

Finally, he informed the MAC that the Co-Leads started initial discussions with the Innovation Lever of Change team, to potentially form a cluster focusing on multi-stakeholder collaboration, with the idea to build this work around the tools of the SFS Programme. The MAC considered this as an opportunity of strategic importance for the SFS Programme.

In the discussion, Mr. Jamie Morrison (FAO) added that the five ATs of the UNFSS will have a joint retreat in the beginning of March, where they will look at the interconnections and trade-offs between the different game-changing solutions. The expectation is that they would move towards more integrated

packages of solutions towards mid-March. At this stage, there may be scope for some of the SFS Programme's core initiatives to get involved.

Mr. Emile Frison (IPES-Food) suggested that there may be a role for the SFS Programme through its engagement with the UNFSS, to further strengthen the effective involvement of civil society actors as well as different types of knowledge, and to strengthen the food systems approach including by promoting linkages across the different ATs as well as between proposed solutions.

4. Issues related to programme management

Mr. Mink opened this session by announcing that the focus of the discussion at the end of the session would be on practical ways to feed the work of the core initiatives, Task Forces and other working groups into the UNFSS, including opportunities to promote and implement the SFS Toolbox. The aim was to identify entry points, as well as actors that are well placed to do so.

4.1 Core initiative implementation

Mr. Mink presented an overview of the core initiative activities that were submitted through the annual 10YFP reporting. The included, *inter alia*: the Innovators' Handbook "[Enabling Sustainable Food Systems: Innovators' Handbook](#)" (potential links: Innovation Lever, AT2, AT4); a Biodiversity Monitoring System for the Food Sector (potential links: AT3, Innovation Lever); and a Sustainability Toolkit on Innovative Strategies for Public Catering (potential link: AT2).

Ms. Clementine O'Connor (UNEP) complemented that the Food Losses and Waste Reduction core initiative will be launching the Food Waste Index, and stressed that there are many direct linkages between this and other outputs of the core initiative and the game-changing solutions that are being put forward in the Food Waste workstream of AT2. With UNEP in the lead of this workstream, this constitutes a concrete entry point.

One MAC member raised the question of whether there will be a need to develop new core initiatives now that some of them have completed all of their planned activities. Mr. Mink proposed that the MAC discuss this issue at a subsequent meeting later this year, once we will have a clearer picture of both the UNFSS' outcomes as well as the strategic direction of the 10YFP / One Planet network post-2022.

4.2 SFS Programme task forces and other working groups

Ms. Marina Bortoletti (UNEP) informed the MAC about recent developments in the Community of Practice on Food Systems on the Ground¹, as well as on a related research project supported by CIAT, UNEP and WWF that looks at multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms at city level. She mentioned that the latter could potentially be linked up with the UNFSS' Innovation Lever.

Ms. Loconto briefed the MAC that the task force on information and tools has completed three of the four activities in its workplan. Some activities were added, such as the organization of the 3rd global conference's science session. The task force has recently reconvened to plan the work on the outstanding activity, which is a data base of assessment tools. While the task force has been able to compile an initial data base of 38 tools, the intention is now to develop this into the format of a decision guide, to be finalized by the time of the UNFSS.

4.3 The SFS Toolbox

Mr. Mulet informed the MAC that the following three tools had in the meantime been finalized:

¹ The Community of Practice is formed by: UNEP (facilitator), CIAT, Hivos/RUAF, WWF, ICLEI, FAO, Biovision Foundation, Rikolto, CIHEAM, Costa Rica, Argentina, South Africa, and the Global Alliance for the Future of Food.

- [“SFS Glossary” Towards a Common Understanding of Sustainable Food Systems](#)
- [Collaborative Framework for Food Systems Transformation](#)
- [Case studies](#)

A MAC member highlighted that these tools reflect the systemic and collaborative approach of the SFS Programme and are therefore well suited to be used in the context of the UNFSS. According to Mr. Mulet, they could feed into the Innovation Lever’s work on multi-stakeholder collaboration.

In addition, FAO is currently working on the finalization of the e-learning tool. The aim is to launch the entire toolbox prior to the Pre-Summit event. Mr. Mulet proposed that an ad hoc task group be formed for the further “packing” and promotion of the toolbox, ideally composed by the leads and/or members of individual tool task teams. **MAC members are invited to express their interest to be part of that task group.**

4.4 Discussion

The MAC found that there are indeed a series of entry points for the SFS Programme to contribute to the UNFSS, through its core initiatives and affiliated projects, task forces and other working groups, as well as its tools. There was an emerging sense that:

- The SFS Programme’s tools and the work of the Community of Practice could be of particular relevance to the UNFSS’ Innovation Lever;
- The task force on information and tools could play a role in terms of supporting inclusion of trans-disciplinary knowledge in the UNFSS; and
- Some of the core initiatives may be well suited to contribute towards the platforms being set up in support of specific game-changing solutions.

In conclusion, Mr. Mink announced that in order to get a clear picture of possible contributions of the SFS Programme, the Co-Leads will take stock of the strategically relevant Programme activities and outputs and map them against the different entry points in the UNFSS. When doing so, they may get in touch with core initiative and task force leads, asking them for input / clarification.

In addition, he highlighted the following points that came through in the discussions:

- It would be valuable for core initiatives and task forces to continue their efforts of aligning their activities and proactively seeking engagement with relevant UNFSS Action Tracks; and
- After the UNFSS, they may have a role to play in the implementation of the UNFSS’ outcomes.

In this context, Mr. Mink proposed that the MAC shall review the SFS Programme’s workplan, including the role of core initiatives and task forces, in light of the outcomes of the UNFSS at its first meeting after the UNFSS.

5. Issues related to communication

5.1 Communication updates

Mr. Mulet informed about the 10YFP Secretariat’s ongoing efforts to set up the new website for the One Planet network. The idea is to improve the website as a global platform for SCP to facilitate the work of the One Planet network, with a focus on curating knowledge and content. The launch is planned for April 2021. The new website will be more user-friendly and should provide a better platform for the SFS Toolbox.

6. Next meeting and any other business

6.1 Next MAC meeting

Mr. Mink reminded the MAC that the next MAC meeting is tentatively planned for June 2021. It will likely be another virtual meeting, and the Co-Leads will send out a doodle in order to find a suitable date and time.

6.2 Any other business

Ms. Denise Costa announced that UNSCN has now fully evolved to the new entity titled UN Nutrition. UN Nutrition takes over from the UNSCN the global function of steering UN inter-agency coordination and collaboration for nutrition, and expands it to the country level. The UN agencies that are part of UN Nutrition are the same as in the former UNSCN.

As no further points were raised, Mr. Mink thanked everyone for their active participation and closed the meeting.

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