**Call for case studies: scope and template**

## Introduction

This is a template with the description of the desired case studies that aim to be collected by the One Planet Network (10YFP) Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) Programme. The SFS Programme is a multi-stakeholder partnership focused on catalysing more sustainable food consumption and production patterns. The SFS Programme promotes a holistic approach, taking into account the interconnections and trade-offs between all elements and actors in food systems. The Programme wants to encourage and enable its partners to collaborate on joint initiatives, which range from normative, advocacy and policy support activities, to research and development projects as well as on-the-ground implementation activities that address food systems challenges.

## Purpose of the case studies

The purpose of the case studies is to provide inspiring examples of projects, programs or policies that have achieved results in their objective of transitioning food systems (or elements thereof) towards sustainability taking into account the interconnections and trade-offs between all elements and actors in food systems. This “food systems approach” is a framework that considers the interconnectedness of the activities, outcomes and actors involved in agriculture, storage, processing and manufacture, distribution, retail and consumption, alongside the various pressures and drivers. This approach recognises that the food system influences – and is influenced by –a wide set of factors including consumer food choice and health, natural resource use and environmental health, and economic livelihoods and social wellbeing. A food systems approach provides a framework that considers the interactions and feedback between interrelated systems and policy interventions. This can produce a number of useful insights on:

* Opportunities for a more efficient use of natural resources.
* The important role of the food system’s socio-economic context.
* Implications of the food system for health and malnutrition.
* The trade-offs between different intervention strategies.
* Non-linear processes and feedback loops in the food system.

The examples will illustrate different ways in which governments, communities and organizations around the globe have worked to create sustainable food systems.

## Key messages

Through the case studies we want to convey the following key messages:

* Interconnectedness
* Inclusiveness
* Diversity (biodiversity, market structure, diets, policy mix, cultural, etc.)

As a result, we aspire to encourage governments but also other actors to promote and implement transformative policy-making processes that go beyond sector approaches and/or business as usual.

## Who can provide case studies?

Governments, civil society, academic, or private sector organisations are all welcome to submit case studies, regardless of scale.

## Length of case study

The initial draft can have a maximum length of two and a half pages (about 1,200 words). The finalized version of the document, through a collaborative editing process with the organization providing the case study, will be two pages long.

## Case studies template

**INSTRUCTIONS**: Please complete the below template following instructions and word count carefully.

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| 1. **QUICK FACTS**
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| **Name of initiative** |
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| **Start and duration and dates of initiative** |
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| **Country/region** |
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| **Primary objective of the initiative *(max 50 words)*** |
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| **2 BACKGROUND** |
| **Describe the situation of the local/national food systems** ***(max 50 words)*** |
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| **3 THE PROBLEM**  |
| **Describe the specific food system problem and the compounding drivers targeted by the initiative. We particularly welcome projects aimed at one or more of the SPSP’s five focus themes *(max 150 words)*:** * **Sustainable diets**
* **Sustainability along all food value chains**
* **Reduction of food losses and waste**
* **Local, national, regional multi-stakeholder platforms**
* **Resilient, inclusive, diverse food production systems**
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| **Which supply chain activities are relevant? (i.e. Production; Processing; Distribution; Preparation; Consumption; Disposal; Reuse, recycle; Other (beyond food system activities)** ***(max 50 words)*** |
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| **4 STRATEGY (THEORY OF CHANGE)**  |
| **What are the primary stakeholders that your initiative targeted? And who are the main beneficiaries and how did they benefit? *(max 50 words)*** |
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| **What are the initiative’s main strategies of intervention?** ***(max 150 words)*** |
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| **Did you use any tool(s) (e.g. decision-making, technical, planning, participatory, facilitation, etc.)? How did the tool(s) use help the initiative? Why did you decide to rely on the use of this/these tools?*****(max 100 words)*** |
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| **5 RESULTS** |
| **What were the results of the initiative for the different outcome dimensions (please provide quantitative and qualitative data as available)?** ***(max 300 words)*** |
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| **What trade-offs took place? *(max 100 words)*** |
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| **Were there changes in policy-making processes, policies, governance (e.g. more inclusive processes, new action plans devised, etc.)?** ***(max 100 words)*** |
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| **Did actors join your initiative? How many actors did the project begin with and how many joined? (Alternatively, how many did it target and how many did it manage to engage?)** ***(state rough figures)*** |
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| **6 LESSONS LEARNED** |
| **What were the major obstacles to success?** ***(max 100 words)*** |
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| **What were the major enablers? *(max 100 words)*** |
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| **What else could have been done to achieve better results? *(max 100 words)*** |
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| **Do you have recommendations for others who would like to attempt a similar initiative or approach?** ***(max 100 words)*** |
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| **7 ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS** |
| **Please add any additional remarks or describe the next steps or phase your initiative *(max 100 words)*** |
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**DISCLAIMER**: By completing and submitting a case study with the template below, you agree the information provided can be edited and used in publications and communications of the Sustainable Food Systems Programme and UN Environment.