



Global Donor Platform  
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# 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Session 1

DAY 1  
14 June 2022  
9:30-15:15

### MAIN SESSION

# Supporting National Food Systems Transformation Pathways: Enhancing donor effectiveness and coordination at the country level in times of crises

## BACKGROUND

Global donors have a critical role in leveraging change in food systems, through the investments they make, the innovations they support and the international collaboration they enable. Food systems transformation requires donors to adopt holistic and integrated programming and focus on systemic change in the way they work with partners. It also requires donors to support better policy coherence across sectors in their partner countries, which can be accomplished by championing the national pathways. Member states developed national pathway documents for food systems transformation for the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in 2021.

National pathways are essential for food systems transformation because food systems are context-specific and there are no one-size-fits-all solutions. Donor coordination should therefore go beyond global hubs by focusing on strong harmonization at national and subnational levels. Pathways for change will need to be nationally developed, cross-sectoral, inclusive, and locally owned. Policy and funding initiatives have to be coordinated and collaborative with existing international institutions, such as the United Nations Rome-based Agencies and UN Resident Coordinators, to ensure coherence at national, regional and global level.

The stocktaking report on "[Donor Contributions to Food Systems](#)" and the recent white paper on "[Transforming Food Systems: Directions For Enhancing The Catalytic Role Of Donors](#)", both launched by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD), promote strengthening coordination among donors and other actors at all levels to improve programme complementarity and enable country-led and -owned development processes. The white paper devotes an entire chapter segment to national pathway coordination, noting that the national pathways are a key pillar of taking the UNFSS outcomes forward. This includes aligning donor investments with national pathways, monitoring and investing in national pathways, and learning lessons from national-level policy outcomes.

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## OBJECTIVES

The discussion will cover relevant topics, including:

- coordination between donors and other actors at the national level;
- responding to immediate effects of crises through supporting national pathways;
- supporting countries to adapt national pathways to conflict response;
- supporting national policy dialogues necessary for food systems transformation;
- continued support for national-level partnerships and coalitions; and
- ensuring short-term crises-response measures align with long-term targets of national pathways.

## OUTCOMES

Coordination around the food systems transformation pathways can be considered in the following ways:

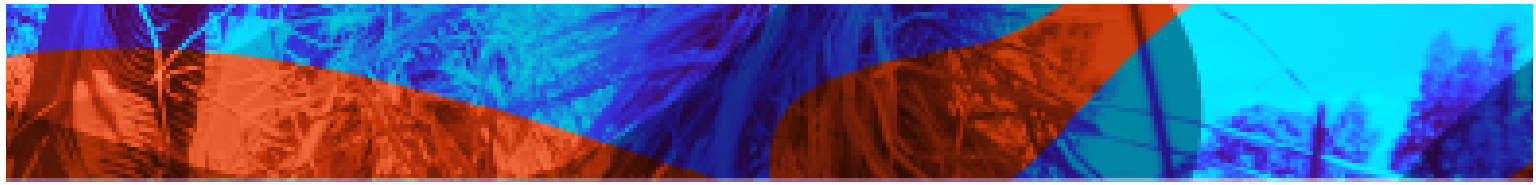
- How can donors ensure that in-country investments align with country priorities and planning frameworks?
- How can donors align their global and regional approaches, concepts and intervention strategies?
- Is there potential to create joint initiatives for a critical mass of investment and reduced transaction costs?
- Which common monitoring and reporting frameworks should be prioritized?
- Can global and regional initiatives be aligned? For what purposes?



## PROGRAMME

The first session of the Annual General Assembly “**Supporting National Food Systems Transformation Pathways: Enhancing donor effectiveness and coordination at the country level in times of crises**” will take place virtually on 14 June 2022 at 09:30– 15:15 CET.

TIME	ITEM
9:30-10:10 (40')	<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b> <b>MODERATOR: Henry Bonsu</b>, Journalist and Broadcaster</p> <p><b>KEYNOTES</b> <b>SCENE-SETTING KEYNOTES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gérardine Mukeshimana</b>, Minister of Agriculture (Rwanda)</li><li>• <b>Claudia Sadoff</b>, Executive Management Team Convener and Managing Director, Research Delivery and Impact (CGIAR)</li></ul> <p><b>BACKGROUND BRIEF ON THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS COORDINATION HUB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, Director, United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub</li></ul>
10:10-11:10 (60')	<p><b>OPENING PANEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Karima Al-Hada'a</b>, Planning and Liaison Specialist at Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)-Yemen Secretariat - Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (Yemen)</li><li>• <b>Ayodeji Balogun</b>, Chief Executive Officer of AFEX Commodities Exchange</li><li>• <b>Agnes Kalibata</b>, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Former United Nations Special Envoy on the Food Systems Summit</li><li>• <b>Jyri Ollila</b>, Coordinator for the Food Systems Summit, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Finland)</li><li>• <b>Sok Silo</b>, Secretary General of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (Cambodia)</li><li>• <b>Johan Swinnen</b>, Global Director of Systems Transformation (CGIAR), Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Co-Chair of the Think20 Task Force on Food Security</li></ul>
11:10-11:40 (30')	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
11:40-12:45 (65')	<p><b>BREAKOUT ROOMS</b> - group country discussion sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mahamadou Aboubacar</b>, Coordinator and Focal Point, Haut-Commissariat de l'Initiative 3N (Cellule Nutrition, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)-Niger)</li><li>• <b>Louise Aubin</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Niger)</li><li>• <b>Zulma Yanira Fonseca Centeno</b>, Director of Nutrition, Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) (Colombia)</li><li>• <b>David Gressly</b>, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (Yemen)</li><li>• <b>Olusola Idowu</b>, Chair of the National Committee on Food and Nutrition (NCFN) (Nigeria)</li><li>• <b>Mahesh Kharel</b>, Program Director, National Planning Commission (NPC) (Nepal)</li><li>• <b>Jean Claude Musabyimana</b>, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) (Rwanda)</li><li>• <b>Sara Sekkenes</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Lao People's Democratic Republic)</li><li>• <b>Sisay Sinamo</b>, Senior Program Manager at Seqota Declaration (SD) Federal Program Delivery Unit, Federal Ministry of Health (Ethiopia)</li><li>• <b>Julie Kasa-Kanga Tshilombo</b>, Coordonnatrice Adjointe de la Coordination des Ressources Extérieures et du Suivi des Projets (Democratic Republic of the Congo)</li></ul>



TIME	ITEM
12:45-14:00 (75')	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:00-15:15 (75')	<b>SYNTHESIS PANEL</b> - presentations reporting back from breakout groups, panel discussion, and concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Louise Aubin</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Niger)</li><li>• <b>Namukolo Covic</b>, Director General's Representative to Ethiopia International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) (Ethiopia)</li><li>• <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, Director, United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub</li><li>• <b>David Gressly</b>, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (Yemen)</li><li>• <b>Ron Hartman</b>, Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</li><li>• <b>Sara Sekkenes</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Lao People's Democratic Republic)</li><li>• <b>Rosse Noda Videá</b>, Representate Asistente Programas, FAO (Bolivia)</li></ul>