Supporting SDGs based food systems transformations
The placement of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Oversight: RBAs (FAO, IFAD, WFP) Principals with UNEP on behalf of UN System, DCO

Management of the Hub: FAO Office of Sustainable Development Goals (OES)
- Head of the Hub (DG/Director) leads the team and will strategically administer the operation of the hub and oversight functions.
- Deputy Head will be accountable for the delivery of coordination functions, implement the hub's work-plan, manage relations with UNEP and DCO.

- Chief of Staff/Implementation (MAE) will work on Malfunctions, governance, trade, data

A Monitoring & Evaluation manager, provision of reports and standardisation and M&E guidelines

A programme officer to follow up on programmatic aspects of the work, management of the trust fund and LSTM functions

Advisory support staff

Un Food Systems Coordination Hub
-hosted by FAO at DG Office on behalf of the UN

Coordination functions

Global engagement

Policy and knowledge

Advocacy & Communications

Union with a broad representation of support actors, follows multi-stakeholder initiatives and identifies; holds functions that are support the UN system for implementation of national pathways through policy and knowledge functions; supports reporting and coordinating

One Engagement Coordinator and a Liaison Officer

Review and analyzes pathways and related requests for support from countries and identifies relevant linkages with relevant actors/organizations from UN agencies and others.

Establishes technical level with UNCTs to identify gaps and support programme design; facilitates knowledge management, peer learning and cooperation; synthesizes lessons learned.

A Pathway Manager and Pathway officers (2-3 network)

A Communications officer and an associate

Supporting the Five Action Areas

Ecosystem of Support

Coalitions

Partners supporting the Five Action Areas

Science ecosystem of support

UNSDG

EOSG

Informal Joint RBA Governing Board; Chairs of the RBA Governing Bodies; CFS Chair

Stakeholders

Producers

Indigenous Peoples

Youth

Women

Private Sector

Country Level Platforms led by the Government

Supported by RCS and UNCT as part of UN Cooperation Frameworks

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Guiding principles of the Hub’s Operation

Governments: engagement priority

Institutional approach on non-country engagement

One-UN, one Team, collective expertise

Due diligence on engagement with non-UN entities

Using existing mechanisms of official reporting
Initial work of the Hub

1. Define the institutional mandate of the Hub
2. Connect with existing mechanisms (UNRCs, UNCTs)
3. Put the Team together with secondments from UN AFPs
4. Understand the needs of the countries
5. Develop a work plan
How we put the work plan together

Step 1: From mandates to country needs

- Consultation with UN Agencies
- Information note from DSG and Principals
- SG Statement and FSS Outcomes

Survey with Countries
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**Short-term needs:**
The 2023 stock-take
- Funding and financing
- Monitoring progress (M&E tools)
- Communication and Advocacy
- Knowledge and technical expertise

**Long-term needs:**
Transforming food systems by 2030
- Systemic policy change
- Leveraging local and global ecosystems
- Monitoring progress
- Institutional strengthening
Survey with Countries

Funding and Finance

- Diversified resource mobilization
- Call for a global funding mechanism
- Strategic funding for catalytic investments
- Move national pathways forward

Knowledge and technical expertise

- Peer to peer exchanges
- Costing and mainstreaming of pathways
- Make the “Food Systems Approach” practical
- Food systems resources tracking
Survey with Countries

Monitoring progress

- Milestones to keep the momentum
- Guidance on global reporting framework and indicators
- National baselines, tracking / mainstreaming in SDG
- Virtual platform and analytical tools

Communication and Advocacy

- Continued advocacy to maintain country level momentum
- Greater convergence of various intergovernmental processes
- Centralized portal
How we put the work plan together

Step 2: From country needs to services

Work Plan

- Dialogues Synthesis
- Survey with countries
- Pathways Analysis
The Work Plan: key functions

- Facilitate Implementation of National Pathways
- Strengthen Strategic Thought Leadership
- Leverage Means of Implementation
- Engage Ecosystem of Support
- Communicate & Advocate Food Systems Approach
- Prepare for 2023 Stocktaking Moment

Supporting Countries for Accelerated Food Systems Transformation
The work plan: selected deliverables

1. Food Systems Solutions Library / 2. Hub Support Registry


1. Connection platform / 2. Coordination roundtables

1. Standards for FFA implementation / 2. Two new FS Finance windows

1. Food Systems Hub portal / 2. Food Transformations tracker

1. Stock-taking roadmap / M&E Guidelines
The work plan: MoI Finance

1. New Food Finance Architecture
   Co-create vision for success & inclusive deliverables

2. Enabling Principles
   Shared commitments financing food systems differently

3. Back 10-15 countries
   Broker granular packages linking public-private funding meeting new imperatives

4. Influence at least 2 development finance windows
   To optimise public finance & leverage private capital

5. Shared Food Finance Markers
   Inform & Monitor progress
   Uphold Mutual Accountability

6. Sustain Global & National Commitments
   Synergies with High-level Political Forum & Financing for Development Forum
Ongoing work

- Finalizing activity planning for 2022
- Establish system to receive and serve requests from countries
- Connecting Coalitions between them and with the Countries
- Information updates, website, FAQs about the Hub
- Engagement with Stakeholders and Science and Technology groups
The Food Systems Solutions Dialogues

- State-of-the-art on specific subjects
- Peer learning between experts
- Action planning ideas and connections
- Review progress and realign action
- Knowledge for SDGs acceleration
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A SPARK for food systems transformations
What Support the Hub (actually the countries) need

- Connecting country needs with expertise from Coalitions, the UN and other “solutions providers” from the ecosystem of support. **Initial operations funding**

- Maintain the momentum of food systems and and keep the national dialogues active. **Seed funding**

- Pilot interventions around thematic areas that emerge from country demands (e.g. linking food systems with climate, health and biodiversity issues). **Larger projects.**

- Present progress on national pathways. Momentum of food systems. **Convening support**
Contact the Hub

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