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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE ROAD TOWARDS THE FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

March 17, 2021
9.00 – 10.00 Costa Rican Time

Context

The UN Secretary General António Guterres will convene a Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), in 2021, as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. With only 10 years remaining, many of the 17 SDGs remain far out of reach. In many cases, unsafe or unsustainable food systems are part of the problem.

The UNFSS will serve as a turning point in the world's journey to achieve all the SDGs. We know what we need to do to get back on track: Scientists agree that transforming our food systems is among the most powerful ways to change course and carry out the vision of the 2030 Agenda. Rebuilding global food systems will also enable us to answer the UN Secretary-General's call to "build back better" from COVID-19. We are all part of the food system, and so we all must come together to bring about the much-needed transformation.

The Summit will pursue five specific objectives in support of its broader vision of delivering progress on all 17 SDGs:

1. Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all (enabling all people to be nourished and healthy, progressive realization of the right to food).
2. Shifting to sustainable consumption patterns (promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets, reducing waste).
3. Boosting nature-positive production at sufficient scale (action on climate change, reducing emissions and increasing carbon capture, regenerating and protecting critical ecosystems and reducing food loss and energy usage, without undermining health or nutritious diets).
4. Advancing equitable livelihoods and value distribution (raising incomes, distributing risk, expanding inclusion, promote full and productive employment and decent work for all).
5. Building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress (ensuring the continued functionality of healthy and sustainable food systems).

In line with those objectives, discussion at the FSS are organized around five Action Tracks and four levers of change:

- Action Track 1: Ensure safe & nutrition food for all
- Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
- Action Track 3: Boost nature positive production
- Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods
- Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks & stresses
- Levers of change: Gender, Human Rights, Finance; Innovation

Regional Food Systems Dialogue

The *Regional Food Systems Dialogue* is organized by the UN - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC), and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture (FAO/RLC), as part of the *Forum of Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development 2021*.

Date: 17 March 2021

Time: 09.00 – 09.55 hrs. Costa Rica; 11.00 – 11.55 hrs. EST; 12.00 - 12.55 hrs. Chile; 15.00 – 15:55 hrs. GMT.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94954732122?pwd=aytkczJpZEEZmZUJlOnBqMEszV1Z6dz09>

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Objective: to raise awareness and promote stakeholder engagement throughout Latin America and the Caribbean in the run-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit..

Preliminary programme

Costa Rian time	Segment	Participants
09.00 – 09.05	Introduction	Jeannette Sánchez , Director, Division of Natural Resources, ECLAC, Moderator.
09.05 – 09.10	Welcome remarks ECLAC	Alicia Bárcena , Executive Secretary.
09.10 – 09.25	Message from Advisory Committee	David Nabarro , Senior Advisor National Dialogue Process.
	Message from representative of United Nations Task Force for the Food Systems Summit.	Jamie Morrison , Director of Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO.
09.25 – 09.50	Statements from food systems stakeholders	Arturo Fernández , Latin American Federation of Food Markets – FLAMA. Tamara Meza , Global Networker Lead, Consumers International. Alberto Broch , Confederation of Family Farm Producer Organizations of the expanded-MERCOSUR – COPROFAM. Jessica Vega , Co-Chair UN Indigenous Youth Caucus – LAC. Patrick Antoine , CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO).
09.50 – 9.55	Closing remarks	Julio Berdegué , ADG - Regional Representative LAC, FAO.

Annex:

Summary of Action Track issues

Action track	Main issues
<p>Action Track 1: Ensure safe & nutrition food for all</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate hunger reduction, • Make nutritious foods more available and affordable, and • Make food safer.
<p>Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating enabling food environments for healthy and sustainable dietary practices, • Shifting food demand by improving the experience of healthier and more sustainable food and improving consumers' motivation and capability, and • Halving food waste at food service, retail and household levels.
<p>Action Track 3: Boost nature positive production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect natural systems and protected areas from new conversions for food production and save and set aside some land and water back to nature. • Sustainably manage existing food production systems. • Restore and rehabilitate degraded systems for sustainable food production and ecosystem services.
<p>Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening agency (e.g. rural women and girls, indigenous peoples, youth, the elderly or disabled and seasonal, migrant or low wage workers in fragile or vulnerable food value chains). • Inclusive politics (e.g. coherent and coordinated multisectoral approach at national and territorial levels - incomes, risk distribution, inclusion, decent work). • Multidimensional welfare and access (e.g. addressing specific barriers to inclusive, equitable livelihood development).
<p>Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks & stresses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic resilience. • Social resilience • Environmental resilience.

Resources

- **Action Track 1:** [Survey](#); [Discussion starter paper](#); [Public forum event](#) 25.02.21; [Preliminary scientific group document](#).
- **Action Track 2:** [Survey](#); [Discussion starter paper](#); [Public forum event](#) 03.02.21; [Preliminary scientific group document](#).
- **Action Track 3:** [Survey](#); [Discussion starter paper](#); [Public forum event](#) 26.02.21. [Preliminary scientific group document](#).
- **Action Track 4:** [Survey](#); [Discussion starter paper](#); [Public forum event](#) 01.02.21. [Preliminary scientific group document](#).
- **Action Track 5:** [Survey](#); [Discussion starter paper](#); [Public forum event](#) 04.02.21. [Preliminary scientific group document](#).