

Civil Society Public Forum
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Summary

A Civil Society Public Forum was held on Friday, May 28th and included updates on the progress of the Summit, updates from each of the Action Track area leads, an update on the National Dialogues as well as a brief update on the Pre-Summit meeting in July. Of note, most of the Action Track leads reviewed their respective action areas (3 per Action Track), as well as any solution clusters which further define the action areas and house the game changers. Martin Frick, Director of Climate and Environment Division, UN FAO provided a short update regarding the status of the Pre-Summit meeting, which will maintain a hybrid structure with 25% capacity for meeting rooms and a 50/50 mix of country and civil society representation. Frick emphasized the importance of maintaining a transparent and inclusive Summit process. The public forum concluded with a brief question and answer session and closing remarks.

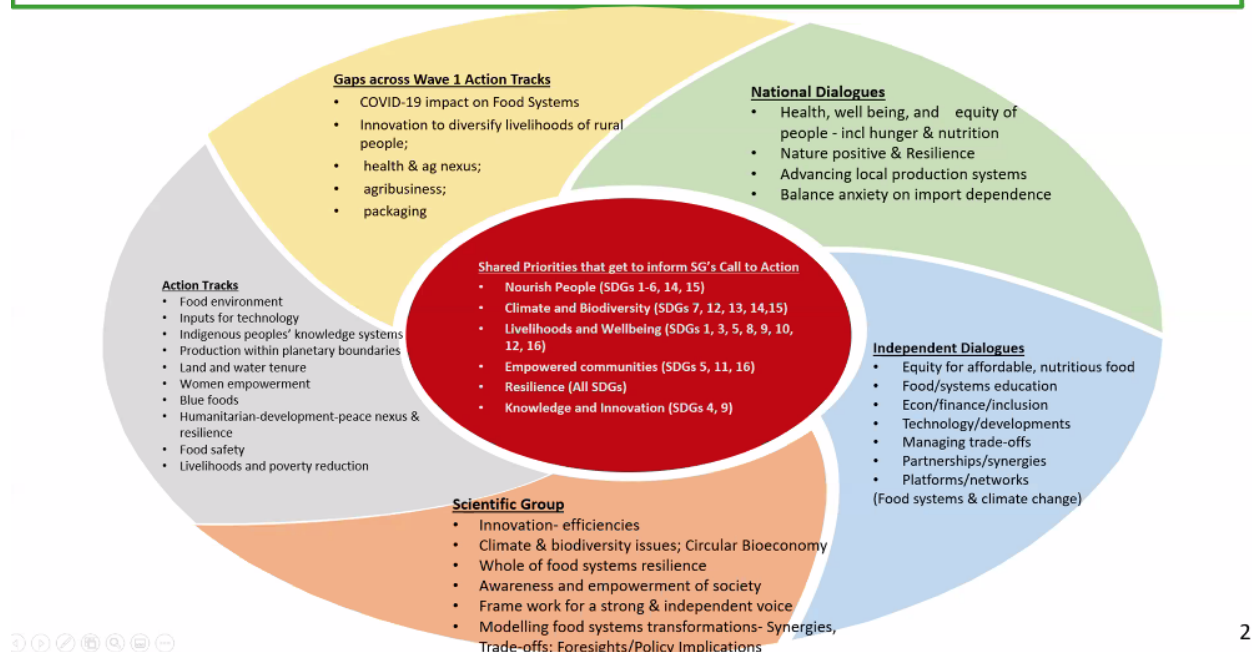
Waiganjo Njoroge - Moderator

- 800 people registered for forum
- Main components of the forum:
 - Where we are on progress with Summit
 - Next steps on the levers and updates from Action Tracks
 - Updates on National Dialogues
 - Preparation for Pre-Summit and next steps
 - Open discussion

Agnes Kalibata

- Huge strides since March
- Ensuring this is a people's Summit
- Have another wave of game changers coming
- Appreciate the openness of the civil society - want to be inclusive, not exclusive. This is an opportunity to talk about differences, build trust and learn from differences.
- Organization and process has been great so far. Need to ensure that the pre-Summit and results of the Summit (the substance) achieves success. Need to remember the "so what" and why all this work matters.
- Civil society engagement with national dialogues is key - we can not exclude certain national dialogues, we must reach out.

Consolidated Ideas across the Summit Processes



- Hearing lots about COVID impact, building resilient food systems and ensuring farming practices are not impacting the land from the national dialogues
 - Also hearing many countries rely heavily on imports
- Strong emphasis on nutrition (not just calories), technology, equity in our food systems
- Connect farmers with markets, and support medium and small share agri-businesses
- Items listed in the middle (red circle) is our call to action
 - Nourish people, climate and biodiversity, livelihoods and wellbeing, empowered communities, resilience (overarching), knowledge and innovation

Secretary General's Statement and Call to Action

Focus of SG's Statement and Call to Action

- Re-affirm the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Underscore the urgency to act in light of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the centrality of food systems
- Need to stay within Planetary Boundaries
- imperative to realize basic Human Rights
- Emphasize the urgency of moving beyond incremental action and the importance of a systems approach
- Highlight the need to realize the true cost of food

Areas of Convergence					
Nourish People	Climate and Biodiversity	Livelihoods and Wellbeing	Empowered Communities	Resilience	Knowledge and Innovation

Action and level of Ambition (guiding targets for the decade of action)

Pre-Summit:
Member States to explore national food systems transformation pathways and actions/solutions to achieve the SDGs by 2030 with support from Stakeholders

- Expect a call to action around the areas of convergence (which correspond to the shared priorities)

Jemimah Njuki, *Gender and Equity Issues*

- Must have a just food system that leaves nobody behind
- Three specific objectives:
 - Women's voice is heard in Summit process and after
 - Actions, propositions, solutions, etc. includes focus on gender inequality in our food systems
 - Support action track leaders
- Propositions on the table (total of 10 different propositions on the table but these are a few highlights) :
 - Innovation hub to support women entrepreneurs
 - Addressing issues on rights to land for women especially
 - Building women's assets - they have been hardest hit by COVID
 - Gender transformative approaches - addresses gaps and underlying causes of inequalities
 - What to hold food system organization accountable to equity
- June 21st public forum

Christine Campeau, *Human Rights*

- Human rights is the idea that unites us all for this Summit
- Encouraging trainings to help people demand their rights
- How do we mainstream human rights?

Alexandra Lopoukhine, *Innovation*

- Not just about technology
- What is the big systemic innovation that will transform the food system?
 - Must be a multistakeholder approach

Geeta Sethi, *Finance*

- Need a framework to ensure support hunger, healthy food is affordable, private capital flows into agriculture
 - Bottom line is healthy people, healthy economy

Lana Weidgenant, *Action Track 2 - Youth Vice Chair*

- Youth vice chair part of each action track
- Act for food, act for change - food for all

Lawrence Haddad, *Action Track 1*

- People can't afford a healthy diet
- Action Areas:
 - Promote food security and end hunger
 - Improve access to nutritious food

- Make food safe
- Action Track 1 is working specifically on the following solution clusters within each of the three Action Areas:
 - Inputs, extensions and technology accessible to small producers - working within 13 principles of agroecology
 - Lining up private sector with action areas
 - Social protection numbers stay high, not go down. How do we do more with what is already in existence?
 - Coal chains and clean energy - how to make these more sustainable, more available, multipurpose
 - Working with MSEs and finances
 - Fortification of food
 - Ex: fortifying rice
 - Women's anemia
 - Child's diet -wasting, breastfeeding
 - Food safety focus is on low income markets - currently more focused on high income markets
 - Food system planning - how to support food system planning and pathway construction
 - Food system data - need this to be more real time
 - True cost/price of food focus

Saleem Huq, *Action Track 5*

- Action Areas + Solution Clusters:
 - Action Area: Food system resilience
 - Humanitarian development piece nexus - particularly important for conflict areas
 - Integrated approaches to sustainable food systems - pandemic has shown us how disjointed the food system is
 - Multi-prong risk management - how do we prepare for future pandemics or financial crises?
 - Action Area: Universal food access to build resilience (food is not just a commodity, but a human right)
 - Enhance local production, for local consumption - get food where they live, from where they live
 - Local food supply chains
 - Pandemic resilient food systems
 - Ethical development pathways and shifting narratives (human rights perspective)
 - Action Area: Climate resilient development pathways to make food systems more climate resilient going forward
 - Risk management
 - Integrating national policies and plans
 - Example: COP26, COP15

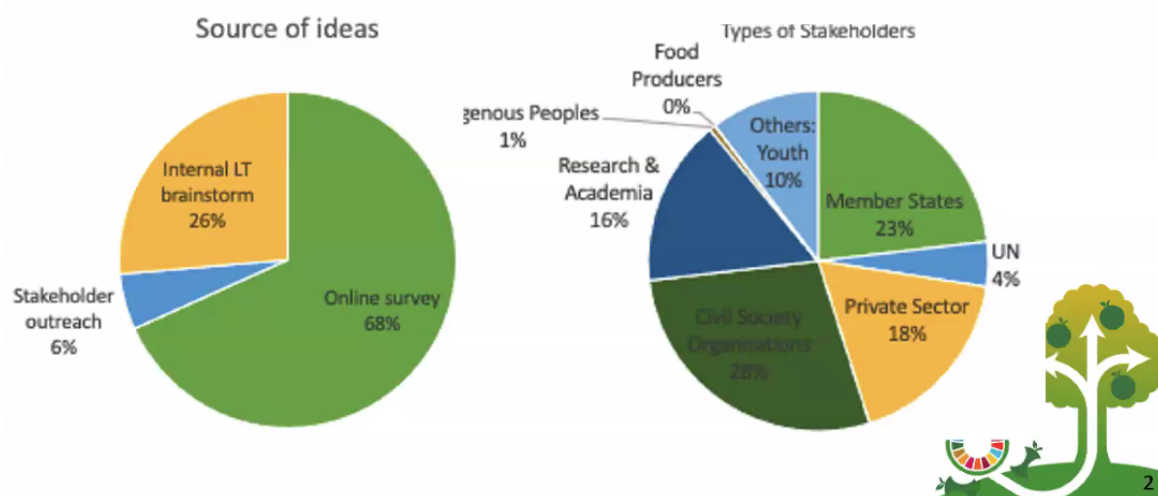
Christine Campeau, *Action Track 4*

- Focusing is about advancing equitable livelihoods
- Pandemic is exposing existing inequalities and make it even more difficult to those most affected
- All of this ATs is about fairness, access, justice, and human rights
- Action Areas:
 - Rebalancing agency in food systems
 - Not just about the right to food - it's about all human rights
 - Eliminating worker exploitation and ensuring decent work
 - Localizing food systems - what do shorter supply chains look like? Food producers should have the closest link to the consumer.

Joao Campari, *Action Track 3*

- Want to boost nature positive systems at scale
- 375 solutions received - funneled into 3 Action Areas
- Action Areas and coordinating solution clusters:
 - Protecting natural ecosystems from new deforestation conversion for feed and food production
 - Deforestation free and conversion free supply chains
 - Redirecting agro-food support (including subsidies) to more sustainable practices
 - Land Freshwater Nexus
 - How to sustainably manage existing food production systems on land and water for the benefit of people and nature
 - Real transformation through agroecology and regenerative agriculture
 - Big working group and membership increasing
 - "No longer a cluster but a center of gravity for the summit"
 - The more voices the better
 - Transformations through innovation of for nature positive production
 - Big cluster on sustainable livestock production
 - Agro biodiversity
 - Blue foods
 - Indigenous peoples food systems
 - Restoring degraded areas
 - Grasslands and savannahs
 - Soils and ecosystems restoration hub- aggregates soil health ideas

From ideas to game-changing propositions:
Total of 167 ideas received (input for wave 1 + new ideas for wave 2)



AA 2.1 Enabling, inspiring and motivating people to enjoy healthy and sustainable options

SC 2.1.1 Information Investment	SC 2.1.2 Healthy food environment	SC 2.1.3 Sustainable and healthy school food for all children	SC 2.1.4 One health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dietary shifts Consumer preference Education Labeling Marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food quality Policy coherence Fiscal policies Food service and retail FBDG/dietary guidelines Public procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School feeding Child's nutritional education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMR Animal health Zoonosis One health framework










AA 2.2 Slashing Food Loss and Waste and Transitioning to Circular Food Economy

SC 2.2.1 Food is Never Waste
Halving food loss and waste by 2030

- Diagnostics
- Farm losses
- Supply chain FLW
- Reducing food waste in the home
- Financing
- Circular economy public policies
- Monitoring



AT2 co-leading other Action Areas and contributing to Solution Clusters

Action Track 1	Action Track 3	Action Track 4	Action Track 5	Governance & planning
 <p>AA 1.2. Improve access to nutritious food AT2 Co-lead: Namukolo Covic (IFPRI)</p>	 <p>AA 3.2. Manage sustainably existing food production systems AT2 Co-lead: Lasse Brunn (50by40)</p>	 <p>AA 4.2. Eliminating Worker Exploitation and Ensuring Decent Work in Food Systems AT2 Co-lead: Lana Weidgenant (ZeroHour)</p>	 <p>AA 5.2 Universal Food Access to build resilience AT2 Co-lead: Lina Mahy (WHO)</p>	 <p>AA 6.6. Governance and Planning AT2 Co-leads: Jian Yi (Good Food Fund China) Helen Harwatt (Chatham House)</p>

+ SC on Alternative Proteins:
Lead by Innovation Lever/WEF + AT2 (Emily Hennessee, Good Food Institute)

Florence Lasbennes, *Dialogue Updates*

- 438 officially announced dialogues
- 125 Member states confirmed dialogues - many have hosted a series of dialogues
- Seeing more interaction between independent dialogues and national dialogues
- Reading and synthesizing the feedback forms. 1 synthesis paper for independent dialogues and 1 synthesis paper for memberstate dialogues have been released.
 - Another set of synthesis papers will be released before the pre-summit, and another set will be released before the Summit.
- Covid is making us realizing that everyone in society is involved with food

Progress on FSS Dialogues



MEMBER STATE

- 124 Member States have formally confirmed that they will convene national FSS Dialogues and have already nominated Convenors
- Individualized on-boarding calls with Convenors
- 190 National Dialogues have been convened so far, many more planned
- First National Dialogues synthesis report published (executive summaries in UN languages)
- The FSSD Toolkit is available in all UN languages and Portuguese, the Dialogue Gateway exists in French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, English
- Over 130 training and briefing sessions with about 2500 participants
- 50 dedicated briefings with UNRCs and UNCTs



REGIONAL

- UN Regional Commissions holding sessions on the Food Systems Summit
- AUDA/NEPAD engagement; Other regional efforts expanding all over the world

GLOBAL

- 27 April – Water
- 28 May – Aquatic Food and Oceans
- 9 June – Environment/Nature
- 14 June – Finance
- 28 June – Cities
- June TBC – Producer
- 6 July – Trade

INDEPENDENT

- Champions Network leadership
- New guide and outreach efforts
- 441 independent dialogues announced on the Gateway
- First Synthesis Report released (executive summaries in UN languages) 1

Martin Frick, *Pre-Summit Meeting*

- Dialogues are the core to this process
- Want to ensure a transparent open dialogue throughout the process of the Summit
- Co-creation process
- Bringing together what should be the outcome of the Pre-Summit - coalitions for actions, countries getting support for their food systems transformation, build multi-stakeholder coalition, strong country leadership to get the support that we need for transformation in countries
- Pre-Summit Meeting
 - Italy is opening open, Covid restrictions going doing
 - In-person meetings are going to be possible, but still working with some Covid restrictions:

- 25% capacity for meeting rooms - preparing for limited number of people in room
 - Going to ensure a 50/50 mix of country and civil society representation at Pre-Summit meeting
- Want to bring together what we are hearing from all dialogues and the Action Tracks
- Want to ensure inclusivity and equal opportunity for participation

Discussion/Question + Answer

- Question on agroecology:
 - Martin Frick - Agroecology is front and center in all action areas
 - Joao Campari - ATs need to focus on outcomes not paradigmes - Agroecology with it's principals are at the heart of AT work
 - Saleem Huq - Can't be resilient without agroecology.
- How do you work with reluctant governments?
 - Saleem Huq - Only so much we can do. Advocate and educate for those not engaged
- Halving food waste by 2030 is ambitious - this needs to be a focus for everyone.
 - Gunhild Stordalen - must be multi-stakeholder, full society approach. This solution cluster will be a focus across many action areas and will require government involvement, private sector and civil society action.
- How will recommendations for the private sector form through the Summit?
 - Martin Frick - Private sector is a diverse term (small, medium, large enterprises) - not all big companies are bad.
 - Unilever is showing action to help with fair pricing, equity, sustainability, etc.
- Engagement with all is going well. Extreme hunger dialogue has not been done. How will national dialogues address this?
 - Corinna Hawkes - Hunger has been a focus of AT 1. There has not been a large perspective on it from people within the food systems themselves (producers and ag workers for example). We view women as particularly susceptible to lack of food and hunger - this is why we have a cluster focused on women. Nutrition and hunger are important to look at together - need to think about the quality of the food and the system the food is coming from.
 - Florence Lasbennes- Must focus on the voices of those who are hungry.
- How do you see a possible convergence of CSF and FSS?
 - We want the world to talk about food as a system
 - CSF is here to stay
- What is the call of the Summit?
- Martin Frick:
 - Make systems achieve sustainable development goals
 - UN is also about living within planetary boundaries
 - How much income goes into food.

Agnes Kalibata | Closing Remarks

- The Summit objective is to have responsibilities delegated to reach the 2030 goals