



Invitation to the Global Summit Dialogue with Farmers, Fishers, Pastoralists and Other Producers

Dear colleague,

As part of the Decade of Action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene a [Food Systems Summit](#) in September 2021 to help establish the future direction for food systems. The Summit will seek to unleash bold new actions and innovative solutions.

The [Food Systems Summit Dialogues](#) are a core component of the Summit engagement process and offer a dynamic way for a diverse range of stakeholders to explore their role in food systems and how they can unite around transformative actions in support of sustainable development.

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the **UN Food Systems Summit Global Summit Dialogue with Farmers, Fishers, Pastoralists and Other Producers**. The Dialogue will take place virtually on the 12th of July 2021, from 12:00 to 13:50 (CET). There will be *interpretation available* from English to Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Portuguese during the plenary and the report back session, and the breakout discussion will be in English.

This Global Dialogue is co-convened by Dr. Agnes Kalibata, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to the Food Systems Summit, together with the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO), Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO), Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU), Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), and Bharat Krishak Samaj (Farmers' Forum India). Curated by Dr. David Nabarro, the Dialogue will build upon the outcomes of a series of producer-led independent dialogues and will examine the challenges, contributions, responsibilities and expectations of farmers, fishers, pastoralists and others in transforming our food systems with regards to nutrition, climate, biodiversity, livelihoods, resilience and other areas. The outcomes of this Global Dialogue will contribute to the UN Food Systems Summit to advance the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Convened by producer organizations, the Dialogue aims to invite and engage multi-stakeholders in a robust consultation on emerging thinking, major challenges and proposed pathways of farmers, fishers, pastoralists and others, with a vision to jointly build more equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems. Adopting a standardized dialogue approach, the heart of the event is facilitated discussions in small groups composed of individuals with diverse backgrounds. Dialogues are hosted in a way that offers a safe space for sharing perspectives openly. For example, the outcomes of discussions are shared in plenary but without attributing statements to a particular person. We therefore encourage you to **come with your ideas, experience, enthusiasm**, and to make yourself **available for the whole duration of the Dialogue**.

This event is upon invitation only and that this is a personal invitation. Please confirm your participation by completing this [registration link](#) by July 9th.

Should you have questions, or require further information, please contact yixuan.shao@un.org and Erika.Fani@fao.org.



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