



## 2050 VISIONS FAQs

### What are the different stages of work for the 2050 Visions initiative?

- Stage I - Letter of Intent, due Friday 8 June 2018
- Stage II - Decisions communicated Monday 02 July 2018
  - Deadline for 2050 Visions: Friday 28 September 2018
  - Compendium and synthesis released February 2019
- Stage III - To be determined based on outcome of Stage II

### Why visions?

“If we haven’t specified where we want to go, it is hard to set our compass, to muster enthusiasm, or to measure progress. But vision is not only missing almost entirely from policy discussions; it is missing from our culture. We talk easily and endlessly about our frustrations, doubts, and complaints, but we speak only rarely, and sometimes with embarrassment, about our dreams and values.”

—Dana Meadows in *Envisioning a Sustainable World*, February 12, 1996

Many others have developed visions for the future of food we both want and need but often these visions relate to particular geographies (e.g., California), part of the value chain (e.g., agriculture), issue (e.g., food access), or sector (e.g., business). The Global Alliance has identified a need for visions of the future of food that are: 1) global in scope; 2) systemic in nature; 3) collaborative; 4) inspiring, useful, and filled with possibility; and 5) reflect multiple voices.

The visions are not intended to be a deep piece of research but informed by work that has been done previously, is ongoing, or under development, as well as inspired by new, bold thinking

### What will the visions be used for?

In Stage II the visions that are developed will be used as a key input into a Global Alliance members’ meeting scheduled for January 2019, as well as other meetings over 2019. The visions will be compiled into a compendium along with a synthesis of areas of convergence, divergence, and key questions emerging. The Global Alliance will use the visions to stimulate dialogue about the future of food, and to inform the ongoing work of the Global Alliance, member foundations, and partners. The visions will also be made available as a [publication for general distribution](#).

### What are the GA’s other objectives?

Through the visions, the GA aims to:

- a) Foster collaboration among diverse “system actors” and collaborate with them by nurturing deep and trusting relationships as the basis for long-term, creative, and productive collaborations;
- b) Contribute to the global discourse on the future of food by advancing transformational aspirations for systems change; and,

- c) Employ 2050: Visions for Global Food Systems Transformation to stimulate local and global action on food systems reform within its member organizations, the broader world of philanthropy, and with partners and allies, so that we collectively accelerate food systems transformation across sectors, scales, and geographies.

### **How will the final visions be presented?**

We expect to compile a compendium of the submitted visions similar to [The Future of Food: Seeds of Resilience](#).

### **If this initiative proceeds to phase III will my/our vision get financial support to be implemented?**

There is no financial support for the implementation of the visions.

### **Who should be included in the collaborating team?**

The ideal team will reflect collaboration among diverse food system actors from across networks, geographic locations, sectors, perspectives, age, gender, and local and global scales.

### **What should the visions include?**

We are interested in visions that:

- a) Demonstrate the *outcomes* of sustainable food systems
- b) Are transformational in degree, nature, scope, speed, and magnitude of change <sup>111</sup><sub>ISEP</sub>
- c) Reflect the Global Alliance principles
- d) Are global and systemic
- e) Include tangible pathways to change

### **Who is choosing what visions will be selected for Stage II?**

The [Global Alliance Steering Committee](#) will review the LoI submissions and select the teams who will be invited to develop their visions.