

Healthy Food Systems: For people, planet, and prosperity

An Independent Dialogue as a contribution to the UN Food Systems Summit



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Time: 13.00 – 15.00 CEST

Format: Zoom webinar in English with simultaneous translation into official UN languages (French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Russian)

Registration Link: tiny.cc/HealthyFoodSystems

Concept

The COVID-19 pandemic not only brought on healthcare and economic crises, it has also radically exacerbated the world's ongoing food security, nutrition, and climate crises. At the same time, the outbreak is deeply connected to today's fragile food systems that degrade the environment through unsustainable land-use. As broken food systems push human, animal, and planetary health to their limits, policymakers and public health professionals alike must change the discourse surrounding food systems and come together so that transformative change and health are put at the centre of the pandemic recovery agenda.

In this Independent Dialogue, experts from across the health and food communities will explore how a new narrative about health and food systems can be used to stimulate action and drive decision-makers towards commitment making, from policies to investments, that deliver on better health outcomes for people, animals, and the planet. Following on the heels of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly (24 May - 1 June), attendees will gain a deeper understanding of intersection points across the health-food systems nexus, identifying where targeted, multi-stakeholder action could take place and create a multiplier effect across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Now, more than ever, a systemic narrative about food and health must be reflected in the language of intersecting and aligned global processes - such as the G7, G20, UNFSS, COP26, COP15 and Nutrition for Growth Summit. The outcomes of this Independent Dialogue will be submitted formally as an input to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

Event Objectives

- Promote health and food systems resilience as critical to COVID-19 recovery and to realize progress across the SDGs
- Communicate why new food systems narratives centered around upholding human, ecological, and animal health are needed, (i.e., One Health), demonstrating how dominant narratives are undermining all three dimensions of health as well as the pandemic recovery process;
- Catalyze support for an integrated, holistic approach to policy reform and coordinated action across food and health sectors, exploring opportunities for health and food systems actors to work together more for policy and practice reform
- Elevating case studies from around the world, showcase how government leaders, the health sector and other food systems actors have designed policies and practices that have delivered better health and sustainability outcomes for all.

Audience

- Governments, policy makers, and ministerial groups at international, national, and local levels
- Public health and healthcare professionals – doctors, nursing professionals, dieticians and nutritionists, community health workers, representatives of health-based associations and community groups or patient organizations
- Food system actors – producers, citizen movements, philanthropy, researchers, grassroots movements, the private sector, farmers and food systems workers, Indigenous Peoples, government, and policymakers

AGENDA

00:00 Welcome

- Dr. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, World Health Organization
- Dr. Gunhild Stordalen, Executive Chair and Founder of EAT and Chair of Action Track 2 of the Food Systems Summit.

00:07 Food, health, COVID-19 recovery: the urgent need for a narrative shift and integrated policy reform

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, UN Special Envoy to the UN Food Systems Summit
- Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labour Organization

00:25 Panel deep-dives into the food-health systems nexus | Malnutrition, antimicrobial resistance, and zoonoses

Moderator: Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Malnutrition in all its forms— overweight, obesity and diet-related non-communicable diseases, undernutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies— impacts on public health and healthcare systems and how they have been exacerbated by COVID-19

Opening remarks

- Dr. Sania Nishtar, Senator/Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Government of Pakistan

Panelists

- Michael Sunbola, CEO, Lagos Food Bank - Nigeria
- Dr. Juan Ángel Rivera Donmarco, Director General, National Institute of Public Health - Mexico

Audience Q&A

Antimicrobial Resistance and Zoonosis – how the increased use of antimicrobials and the emergence of a range of zoonotic diseases are diminishing animal health, exacerbating the human health crisis, and contributing to the ecological crisis, as demonstrated by COVID-19.

Opening remarks

- Dame Sally Davies, UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance

Panelists

- Dr. Rajeshwari Sinha, Programme Manager, Food Safety and Toxins Programme, Centre for Science and Environment - India
- Dr. Darike Kingnate, Advisor, Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Control Ministry of Public Health - Thailand

Audience Q&A

01:25 High-level reflection

- Gerda Verburg, Global Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and Assistant UN Secretary-General

- Marion Jansen, Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD

01:30 **Systemic action for human, animal, and planetary health | Three global perspectives**

Moderator: Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Panelists

- Johanna Ralston, Chief Executive, World Obesity Federation
- Philip Lymbery, CEO, Compassion in World Farming
- Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture

Audience Q&A

01:55 **Food systems and health: closing reflections on the way forward**

- Dr. Omnia El Omrani, Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues, International Federation of Medical Students' Association

02:00 **Close**

- Dr. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, World Health Organization