

FOREWORD

This Reference Manual is written for Convenors of Food System Summits Dialogues. Our intention is that it will help you to bring together stakeholder groups as they explore, debate and shape pathways to sustainable and equitable food systems that will contribute to all the Sustainable Development Goals.

This second version is a revision in the light of experience. It complements the step-by-step guide launched in February 2021 and provides you with a detailed picture of how to carefully convene, curate, facilitate and share the outcomes of your Dialogue. The following links and publications complement this Reference Manual:

UNITED NATIONS 2021 FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

- **The U.N Food Systems Summit** website is the primary site for communications about the Summit: www.un.org/food-systems-summit
- **The Food Systems Summit Principles of Engagement** are underpinned by the Summit's vision of an equitable and healthy future for all, and one that gives voice to citizens in every country of the world (see page7).

FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT DIALOGUES

- **The Summit Dialogues Gateway** is the primary portal for information about the Dialogue process. The Gateway is available in العربية, English, Français, Русский and Español: www.summitdialogues.org.
- **The Take Part Zone** is a secure space on the Gateway for Convenors to announce Dialogues which appear on the global map of Dialogues and publish Official Feedback which is then made publicly available to feed into all efforts for sustainable food systems: <https://summitdialogues.org/take-part-zone/>
- Convenors will also find information about the Orientation and Training Sessions available, key resources like the Handbook for Member State Dialogues as well as Promotional Toolkits.

THE SUMMIT COMMUNITY

- **The Summit Community Platform** encourages public, global conversations as part of a year-long conversation leading up to the milestone event to transform food systems worldwide: www.foodsystems.community

Within this Reference Manual, select information is repeated and re-emphasized from one part to the next. This is intentional as you may wish to use individual parts separately throughout the Dialogue process – from conceptualisation to delivery to feeding back on Dialogue outcomes.

The following diagram sets out the journey of convening a Dialogue and the steps indicated below are included in this Reference Manual to mark the stages of convening a Food Systems Dialogue. We hope your journey will inspire connections, innovation and opportunities for enabling multiple stakeholders to shape food systems that nurture all people and the planet.

