THREE TYPES OF FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT DIALOGUES

To engage as many stakeholders as possible, three types of Food Systems Summit Dialogues can be convened:

**MEMBER STATE DIALOGUES**

Each Member State is invited to initiate a programme of progressive national Food Systems Summit Dialogues between November 2020 and August 2021. The national Dialogues are expected to result in the shaping of national pathways to sustainable food systems. They will determine the intentions for supporting these pathways from a broad range of stakeholders, providing opportunities for these stakeholders to engage in preparations for the Summit through structured interactions.

These Dialogues are convened by national authorities and take place in three stages:

- **Stage 1 Initiating National Engagement.** Initiates the engagement of a stakeholder groups at national level.
- **Stage 2 Extensive Explorations Everywhere.** Includes sub-national Dialogues (in cities, counties, states, prefectorates or other jurisdictions).
- **Stage 3 Consolidation, Intention and Commitment.** Shapes the national pathway for sustainable food systems (in line with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development). Consolidates country level commitments and actions.

**GLOBAL SUMMIT DIALOGUES**

Set to take place alongside key global conventions on climate, biodiversity, environment, nutrition, oceans, economies, and related issues within the 2030 Agenda that have connections to food systems. The Global Summit Dialogues are co-convened by the FSS Special Envoy with their main purpose being to bring political attention to food systems in high-level thematic and sectoral meetings and processes.

**INDEPENDENT DIALOGUES**

These are locally driven and adaptable to various contexts, convened by individuals or organizations independently of national authorities but with the opportunity to formally connect into the Summit process through an official feedback mechanism. They will offer opportunities for all citizens to engage directly in proposing pathways towards sustainable food systems, exploring new ways of working together and encouraging collaborative action. As of April 2021, over 250 Independent Dialogues have been announced on the Summit Dialogues Gateway.

**Intergovernmental Dialogues**

To reinforce the Member State Dialogues process, some governments are working together on convening Intergovernmental Dialogues that appreciate and explore aspects of food systems that span beyond their borders.