

# GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

## KEY TERMS RELATED TO THE FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

**Action Tracks:** Five Action Tracks of the Food Systems Summit explore how key cross-cutting levers of change can be mobilized to meet the Summit's objectives.

- **Ensuring Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All** (enabling all people to be well nourished and healthy, progressive realization of the right to food)
- **Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns** (promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets, reducing waste)
- **Boosting Nature-Positive Production at Sufficient Scales** (acting on climate change, reducing emissions and increasing carbon capture, regenerating and protecting critical ecosystems and reducing food loss and energy usage, without undermining health or nutrition)
- **Advancing Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution** (raising incomes, distributing risk, expanding inclusion, and promoting full, ethical and productive employment for all)
- **Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses** (ensuring the continued functionality of healthy and sustainable food systems)

More info: [www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/action-tracks](http://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/action-tracks)

**Champions Network:** The Champions Network includes institutional leaders from across the food system who have committed to mobilizing their networks, sharing information, and taking action to support the Summit.

More info: [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2020/09/leading-advocates-for-transforming-global-food-systems-named-ahead-of-milestone-un-summit/](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2020/09/leading-advocates-for-transforming-global-food-systems-named-ahead-of-milestone-un-summit/)

**Food Systems Heroes:** Food Systems Heroes comprise individuals from all over the world who have committed to learn, share, gather and act for better food systems in their communities and more broadly.

More info: [www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/become-food-systems-hero](http://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/become-food-systems-hero)

**Food Systems Summit Principles of Engagement:** A set of Principles that all people involved with the Summit adhere to.

More info: <https://summitdialogues.org/overview/un-food-systems-summit-principles-for-engagement/>

**Food Systems Summit Secretariat:** The Secretariat supports the Special Envoy's overall leadership and acts as the operational center of the entire preparatory process, including working to facilitate the engagement of UN Member States and other stakeholders throughout the process.

**Independent Scientific Group:** an independent group of leading researchers and scientists from around the world. The members of the Scientific Group are responsible for ensuring the robustness, breadth and independence of the science that underpins the Summit and its outcomes.

More info: [www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/leadership](http://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/leadership)

**United Nations 2021 Food Systems Summit:** The United Nations Secretary-General will convene a Summit in 2021 to launch bold new actions to transform the way the world produces and consumes food, delivering progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

More info: [www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/](http://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/)

**Special Envoy:** Dr. Agnes Kalibata is the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit. She works with the United Nations system and key partners to provide leadership, guidance and strategic direction towards the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

More info: [www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/leadership](http://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/leadership)

**Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 SDGs, which are an urgent call for action by all countries to recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

## KEY TERMS RELATED TO FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT DIALOGUES

### Collective Training sessions

Three types of Collective Training Sessions are available. These will be for:

- Member State Dialogue Convenors
- Independent Dialogue Convenors
- Curators and Facilitators

**Discussion Group:** The discussion table or Zoom breakout room where Participants interact during the Dialogue event.

**Food Systems Summit Dialogues (FSSDs):** The FSSDs, or “Dialogues”, are purposeful and organized events where a broad and diverse range of stakeholders come together and share their experiences of food systems. They consider how their roles impact on those of others and seek out ways to improve or transform food systems so they are suitable both for people and planet. The FSSDs use a standardized approach for the convening, curation and facilitation of Dialogues. This standardization makes it easier to synthesise the outcomes of the Dialogues and contribute to the preparation of the Food Systems Summit.

**Food Systems Summit Dialogues Method:** The standardized approach for the convening, curation and facilitation of Dialogues detailed in the Convenors Reference Manual.

### Food Systems Summit Dialogue roles

- **Convenor:** The Convenor is responsible for the planning, organization and execution of one or more Food Systems Summit Dialogue(s). The Convenor is responsible for the submission of the Official Dialogue Feedback Form to the Food Systems Summit.
  - » **Dialogue Supporters:** Dialogue Supporters help with the planning, organization and execution of one or more Food Systems Summit Dialogues.
- **Curator:** The Curator is responsible for preparing, planning, and running a Food Systems Summit Dialogue, as well as ensuring the Dialogue contributes to the Food Systems Summit preparation.
- **Facilitator:** The Facilitator is responsible for ensuring that each Participant in a discussion group has the opportunity to contribute meaningfully and have their perspectives listened to by others.
- **Participants:** Participants are invited to the Dialogues by the Convenor and take part in the Dialogue event.

**Gateway:** The Summit Dialogues website [summitdialogues.org](https://summitdialogues.org) and Gateway is a portal for all people to understand and follow the Food Systems Summit Dialogues process. Members of the public can explore the Dialogue events and discover the different outcomes and findings from them. Users may login to the Gateway and view all the materials needed to hold successful, inclusive, and engaging Dialogues.

**Global Summit Dialogues:** these are co-convened by Special Envoy Dr. Agnes Kalibata to bring political attention to food systems in high-level thematic and sectoral meetings and processes.

**Independent Dialogues:** Dialogues 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.

**Member State Dialogues:** these Dialogues are convened by national authorities and take place in three stages. These Dialogues are expected to result in the shaping of national pathways to sustainable food systems.

- **Stage One:** Initiating national engagement in the Summit
- **Stage Two:** Extensive Explorations Everywhere
- **Stage Three:** Pathways, Intentions and Commitments

**Official Dialogue Feedback:** The Official Dialogue Feedback form collects outcomes from a Food Systems Summit Dialogue. It can be accessed, completed and submitted on the Summit Dialogues Gateway.

**Sectors:** Areas of the economy or society in which people work and/or represent. Sectors as defined for the purposes of diversity and inclusion for the Food Systems Summit Dialogues and are not intended to be exhaustive.

**Stakeholder groups:** A stakeholder group has an interest and/or is directly or indirectly involved with the outcomes of the group’s collective actions. Stakeholder groups as defined for the purposes of diversity and inclusion for the Food Systems Summit Dialogues and are not intended to be exhaustive.