ETHIOPIAN FOOD SYSTEMS

July 2021

Dialogue 3: Processes and Results

By the Ethiopian Food System Core Team
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Background to UNFSS and EFS Dialogues

Ethiopian Food Summit Action Points

Next steps
The UN Food Systems Summit will be held in September 2021, aims to transform global food systems to support the SDGs

• The UN is holding a Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in September 2021
• The aim of the Summit is to change food systems to achieve healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems
• The Summit represents a major opportunity to drive transformational change to support the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
• Rebuilding the food systems of the world will also enable us to answer the UN Secretary-General’s call to “build back better” from COVID-19

Four Key Objectives of the Summit

1. Generate action to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
2. Raise awareness on the importance of improving food systems
3. Develop principles to guide governments and other stakeholders to transform food systems
4. Develop a system of follow-up and review to ensure the Summit’s aims are achieved

Food System overview

• The food system is a complex web of activities involving the production, processing, transportation and consumption of food
• Issues concerning the food system include the governance and economics of food production, its sustainability, levels of food loss and wastage, how food production affects the natural environment, and the impact of food on individual and national nutrition and health
Food systems transformation is intrinsically about people, the planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships

**The Planet**
Protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change.

**People**
End poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

**Prosperity**
Enable all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives.

**Partnerships**
Mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

**Peace**
Foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.
The Ethiopian Food system (EFS) process has completed a policy roundtable and two dialogues. We are now finalizing the EFS plan to be adopted at the EFS Launch.

- **5th February**
  - Background paper

- **9th February**
  - High-Level Policy Roundtable

- **EFS D 1: 31st March – 1st April**
  - Identification of the current state of the Ethiopian food system

- **EFS D 2: 14th-15th May**
  - Evaluation and selection of ‘game changer’ solutions for each Action Track

- **EFS Launch: 15th July**
  - Adoption of ‘game changer solutions’ and Position Paper

**Completed to date**
The EFS process has brought together over 120 participants from government departments, donors, multilateral organizations, NGOs, CSOs & private sector.

**EFS participating institutions included:**

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<td>5. Slash food loss and waste</td>
<td>7. Manage existing &amp; transformed food system and sustain positive changes</td>
<td>10. Eliminate worker exploitation and ensure decent work in food systems</td>
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EFS has gone through a process of identifying, selecting and finalizing game changing solutions’ (1/2)

A game changing solution is:

- an idea or process that accelerates / drives a significant shift in the existing food system;
- it is a precondition that must be acted upon in order to attain the long-term and intermediate outcomes

Characteristics of a game changer

- Sustainable
  Can keep delivering to 2030 and beyond
- Actionable
  Is designed to target a specific area of improvement
- Scalable
  Can easily be scaled up based on demand
- Impactful
  Provides long term economic, environmental and societal value

The EFS game changers align closely to and evolve Ethiopia’s existing national policy agenda, including the Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda and other key policies
EFS has gone through a process of identifying, selecting and finalizing ‘game changer solutions’ (2/2)

The prioritization of game changers was conducted by more than 120 participants from a broad range of government offices, NGOs, CSO & private sector organizations, with a leadership from the Ethiopian Food Systems Core Team
The EFS plan is built around 22 game changers (1/2)

Cluster 1: Nutrient dense food production; food safety, fortification and rural electrification & appropriate climate smart technologies

EFS GC 1: Strengthening the national food safety management and control system of Ethiopia
EFS GC 2: Support diversified nutrient-dense foods production by promoting smallholder, greenhouse and garden level production
EFS GC 3: Promote and enhance the production and consumption of fortified nutrient dense staple foods
EFS GC 4: Rural electrification to promote environmentally friendly and climate smart technologies

Cluster 2: Supply and value chain development, national food based dietary guidelines and nutrition literacy and awareness creation

EFS GC 5: Improve young children’s, adolescents’ and mothers’ nutrition and dietary diversity
EFS GC 6: Strengthen climate smart livestock value chains
EFS GC 7: Promote innovations, government commitment and local ownership, as expressed in the Seqota Declaration
EFS GC 8: Strengthen innovative strategies/mechanisms of supply chain management and handling systems
EFS GC 9: Sustained awareness creation and food and nutrition literacy to promote nutrient-dense foods
EFS GC 10: National food based Dietary Guidelines to provide dietary recommendations for increased diet quality

Cluster 3: Integrated policy-making, land reform, and improved government finance provision for agricultural and rural transformation

EFS GC 11: Implement land reform and land administration that will ensure the right to lease, and use it for collateral to facilitate land consolidation, adoption of innovation, and reduce environmental degradation
EFS GC 12: Introduce land use planning; resource planning, integrated landscape & watershed management
EFS GC 13: Address deforestation and environmental degradation through implementing the Green Legacy, the massive tree planting initiatives
EFS GC 14: Establish a finance system for farmers to access credit, get insurance services and offer farmers financial literacy to help enhance rural and agricultural investment
The EFS plan is built around 22 game changers (2/2)

**Cluster 4: Agricultural technologies, innovation and agricultural input supplies**

**EFS GC 15:** Selection and timely supply of inputs and technologies to boost production and productivity

**EFS GC 16:** Advanced forecasting system for variables affecting agriculture-based activities on fine spatiotemporal weather models in Ethiopia

**Cluster 5: Access to markets, market Information, infrastructure and specialization**

**EFS GC 17:** Upgrading and strengthening national market information systems and related digital approaches

**EFS GC 18:** Promote and facilitate the implementation of the agricultural commercialization for nutrient-dense commodities

**Cluster 6: Managing Risk and Protecting the Poor**

**EFS GC 19:** Modernize and upscale indigenous food production and processing including linkage with the school feeding program

**EFS GC 20:** Index based crop and livestock insurance as disaster risk mitigation measures

**EFS GC 21:** Inclusive and sustainable social protection transfer including the use of digital fresh food vouchers

**EFS GC 22:** System for timely and effective shock response including the prevention and treatment of wasting and micronutrient deficiencies
All Game Changers require a strong policy commitment, but the following require an exceptionally strong unified commitment

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Who will participate / contributing to the transformation of the Ethiopian Food System?

Activities

Production
- Farmers
- Investors
- Technologists/innovators
- Ministry of Agriculture and its affiliates

Processing
- Private Sector
- Technologists/innovators
- Ministry of Agriculture and its affiliates
- Agro-Industrial parks
- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Health and its affiliates

Storage, food safety and Transportation
- Private Sector
- Farmers
- Technologist/innovators
- Ministry of Agriculture and its affiliates
- Ministry of Health and its affiliates
- Ministry of Transport

Consumption
- General public
- Private sector
- Regulatory and standard institutions
- Ministry of Health and its affiliates
- Ministry of Agriculture and its affiliates
- NDRMC and affiliates

Other actors will also be engaged across the food system: CSOs, NGOs, Development Partners,
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- Enrich the EFS plan based on the comments from today and beyond
- Present the EFS Position paper at the FS Pre-Summit in Rome
- Consultation at Regional, Woreda and Community levels
- Present the EFS Position papers at the UN FSS in NY
- Jointly implement the EFS plan