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UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT ACTION TRACK 5 - PUBLIC FORUM

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The ambition of the <u>2021 UN Food Systems Summit</u> is to launch a collective journey of transforming our food systems to give us the best possible chance of delivering on the 2030 Agenda. Everyone has a role to play in this. Only by coming together and challenging one another we can spark new ideas and create meaningful impact.

New and challenging risks are emerging in the already complex global food systems, as evidenced by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the impacts of which are skewed towards the world's most vulnerable populations. In addition, there are many other, ongoing challenges, including changing climate, conflict, fragility, infectious diseases, hunger that require solutions to build greater resilience within the current food system from production to consumption. To address this, Action Track 5 (AT5) – building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stresses – is proposing actions to ensure that food systems, which are affected by conflict, environmental and economic shocks and stresses, can maintain functionality, recover from the effects of harmful events, and improve to a better-off state. These actions include a focus "productive disruption" in the context of global challenges – such as the health pandemics, biodiversity loss and the global climate crisis.

Our ambition is to ensure that all people are empowered to prepare for, withstand, and recover from instability and participate in a food system that, despite shocks and stressors, delivers food security, nutrition and equitable livelihoods for all.

Over the past weeks, we have collected ideas for game-changing solutions through a stakeholder consultation and different outreach channels. This process is being led by the AT5 leadership team: Chair Dr Saleemul Huq (ICCCAD), the Vice-Chairs Sandrine Dixson - Declève (Club of Rome) and Mike Khunga (SUN Youth Movement), the UN Anchor Agency – WFP, and members of the Scientific Group.

To inform our next steps and stress test our first short list of options, we would like to engage with you, and further exchange so as to finalise a key list with detailed recommendations. We start the meeting by sharing the game-changing solutions that the track has consolidated around five domains, namely, Environmental Resilience, Economic Resilience, Social Resilience, Peace and Fragility and a crosscutting domain. In this regard, we would like your reflections on the following key questions:

- Do the solutions proposed address food systems 'resiliency'?
- Do the solutions proposed have the potential to drive transformative change in food systems resilience across all geographies?
- Do the solutions address key cross-cutting levers of change such as human rights, gender, innovation and financing?

In addition to this event, we welcome you to share with us ideas for game-changing and systemic solutions which would make food systems more resilient via this <u>online form</u>.





