



Vice-Chancellors' Forum Consultations on the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 Dialogue

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Rationale for UN Food Systems Summit

- Delivering SDGs cannot happen without ending hunger and malnutrition and without having sustainable and resilient, climate-compatible agriculture and food systems
- Interventions must be people-centered and based on human rights and social justice (Inclusivity in actions critical for delivery of interventions)
- Source: UN Zero hunger Challenge

What the UN Food System aims to achieve?

- Launch new actions, solutions, and strategies to achieve healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems.
 - Raise awareness and public discussion on reforming food systems to achieve the SDGs
 - Develop principles to guide Governments and other stakeholders to leverage their food systems to support the SDGs (and Agenda 2063).
 - Generate action towards the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development including issue a call for action at all levels of the food system.
 - Create a system for follow up and ensure Summit outcomes drive new actions.
- Involves a series of dialogues leading to the UN Summit in October 2021

The Process to the Summit



Five Action Tracks to Guide Consultations



1. Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all

- Achieving Zero Hunger.
- Increasing access to affordable, nutritious foods
- Increasing food safety



2. Shifting to sustainable consumption patterns

- Creating enabling Food environments
- Shifting Food demand
- Halving Food waste



3. Boosting nature-positive production at sufficient scale

- Protect natural ecosystems
- Manage sustainably existing food production systems
- Restore and rehabilitate degraded ecosystems and soil function



4. Advancing equitable livelihoods and value distribution

- Strengthening Agency
- Inclusive Policies
- Multi-dimensional Welfare and Access



5. Building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

- Economic resilience
- Social resilience
- Environmental resilience

Game changer Forms

- Policy
- Action
 - Direct engagement
 - Partnerships national to global

RUFORUM Roadmap to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021

- Encouraging African universities and other institutions to engage in national, regional, continental and global dialogue platforms
 - ❖ Engaging Universities in Food Systems Dialogues among themselves and with other stakeholders
 - ❖ Engaging in UN Food Systems Summit Dialogue



RUFORUM Roadmap to the UN Food Systems Summit Continued

- A global convening for Youth
- A global convening for Higher Education, Research and Agricultural Advisory Networks
- Engagement with policy and other key actors
 - African Governments Technical Experts
 - African Ministers and other Key Actors
 - Selected advocates for Africa's development (including former leaders)
 - Heads of State and Governments Summit
- Issuance of the Africa's universities Vice Chancellors' Statement to the UN Food Systems Summit

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