

# 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 <u>ending hunger</u> and <u>malnutrition</u> and without having <u>sustainable</u> and <u>resilient</u>, <u>climate-compatible agriculture and food systems</u>

- Interventions must be people-centered and based on <u>human</u> <u>rights</u> and <u>social justice</u> (Inclusivity in actions critical for delivery of interventions)
- Source: UN Zero hunger Challenge





## What the UN Food System aims to achieve?

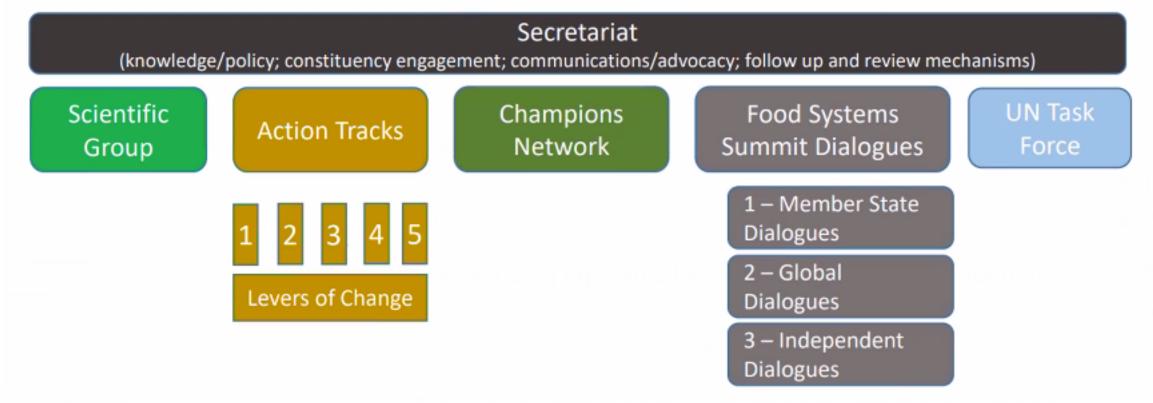
- Launch new actions, solutions, and strategies to achieve healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems.
  - Raise awareness and public discussion on reforming food systems to achieve the SDGs
  - Develop principles to guide Governments and other stakeholders to leverage their food systems 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

Special Envoy







# **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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