



## TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS AND COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE :



## A VIRTUAL EVENT POST- COP26 AND BEYOND



#UNFSS2021  
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**Date:** 18 November 2021

as of 17 November 2021

**Time:** 16:00 - 17:30 EAT/ 08:00 - 09:30 EST

**Virtual format - register here:** <https://www.unfoodsystems.org>

**Languages:** Conducted in English with simultaneous translation provided in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish

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### Introduction

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, has called on all world leaders to take part in a historic UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) this year 2021 that will establish the future direction for food systems and accelerate collective action to that end.

Food systems contribute to and are impacted by climate change. The dependence of global food systems on fossil fuels contributes to GHG emissions and may increase input costs to the extent that they become unaffordable. Agriculture is linked with intensifying climate change due to livestock production, fertilizer application, and deforestation for farm expansion. On the other hand, food systems are highly vulnerable to climate change as weather patterns become more volatile, causing land degradation and erosion. Yields are also impacted by increasing day-night temperature variations. This vulnerability is exacerbated by less-diverse food demand, which decreases biodiversity while increasing the number of outbreaks of transboundary pests and diseases, further jeopardizing food security.

### Objectives

Following the COP26 summit to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), this virtual event is being organized to underscore the inextricable link between climate and food, building on the outcome of both the UNFSS and COP26, and looking into the next year's COP27.

*Specifically, the event will*

- Discuss main outcomes of the COP26 and its implications to food systems transformation.
- Identify specific policy and institutional entry points where the Climate Convention can support transformations for more sustainable food systems and vice-versa.
- Explore how to mainstream food systems issues national UNFCCC instruments such as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), building on its existing mechanisms and processes.

The event will also include a session with live feedback from the audience, and this will be facilitated by a Q&A function available on the event's virtual platform [here](#).

## **Expected outcome**

Indicate and galvanize broad support and commitment to collaborate, including driving a policy/political support on the need to foster linkages and action in support of both the food systems and climate agenda.

## **Programme overview (EST time zone)**

**Moderator: Dr. David Nabarro**, *UNFSS Special Advisor*

**8:00 - 08:05: Welcome and Opening**

**8:05 - 08:10:** Remarks by **Dr. Agnes Kalibata**, *UNFSS Special Envoy*

**8:10 - 08:20:** Key outcomes and highlights of COP26

**Nigel Topping**, *High-Level Climate Champion*

**8:20 - 09:00: Panel Discussion**

- **H.E. Yasmine Fouad**, *Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt*
- **Peter Bakker**, *President and CEO, World Business Council for Sustainable Development*
- **Helena Laurent**, *Director-General, Consumers International*
- **Cristelle Pratt**, *Assistant Secretary-General - Environment and Climate Action, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States*
- **Mayor Tunç Soyer**, *Izmir Metropolitan Government, Turkey*
- **Vijay Kumar Thallam**, *Executive Vice Chairman, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (Farmers' Empowerment Corporation)*
- **Nigel Topping**, *High-Level Climate Champion, COP26*

**09:00 - 09:10: Feedback from the audience**

**Digital Host: Dr. Plamen Russev**, *Chair, Webit.Foundation and Goodwill Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Bulgaria*

**9:10 - 09:25: Stakeholder feedback on COP26**

- **Dorit Adler**, *President, Israeli Forum for Sustainable Nutrition*
- **Carla Caballeros**, *Executive Director, Guatemala Chamber of Agriculture*
- **Marie-Claire Graf**, *Focal Point from the Global North, UNFCCC Youth Constituency (YOUNGO)*
- **Gunhild Stordalen**, *Founder and Executive Chair, EAT Forum, UNFSS Action Track 2*
- **Maria Cristina Tirado**, *Senior Policy Lead, WFP, UNFSS Action Track 5*
- **Pierre Thiam**, *Chef, Yolele Foods*

**9:25 - 09:30: Closing and final remarks**