



UNITED NATIONS
FOOD SYSTEMS
SUMMIT 2021

PRE-SUMMIT

26 - 28 JULY 2021 | ROME

VISION & EXPECTATIONS

Under the leadership of UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and in partnership with H.E. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy, the Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit will take place in Rome from 26-28 July 2021.

The Pre-Summit event will serve as the preparatory meeting for the Food Systems Summit in September by bringing together diverse actors from around the world to leverage the power of food systems to deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our shared vision for people, planet, and prosperity. The Pre-Summit will consolidate all of the substantive work of the Summit into a common vision and set a tone of bold ambition and commitment to action. The Pre-Summit will deliver the latest evidence base and scientific approaches from around the world; strengthen coalitions of action; and mobilize new financing and partnerships.

Within its broader goal of accelerating food systems transformation in support of achieving the SDGs by 2030, the Pre-Summit aims to achieve a number of specific outcomes:

Bring together the best ideas from all of the Summit's structures while also **identifying priorities** and **distilling a common vision** aligned with the 2030 Agenda. These ideas and priorities will be at the heart of the UN Secretary-General's statement of action at the Summit. The statement by the Secretary-General will be a concise document, reaffirming our commitment to the 2030 Agenda

while recognizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and accompanied by an annex capturing the richness of the Summit process.

Advance multi-stakeholder collaboration for food systems between governments, businesses, civil society, and other players around game-changing solutions that address the complex issues of our food systems.

Provide an opportunity for a select number of Heads of State and Government, including the Italian Prime Minister, and other public and private leaders to feature and advance their commitments to action, **set a tone of leadership and bold ambition**, and inspire the engagement of many others by the time of the Summit.

Promote a global discourse and narrative on food systems at the center of achieving the SDGs, with vast virtual engagement and a coordinated advocacy and communications campaign reaching into all regions and of the world. This discourse will highlight the importance of food systems for progress on climate, development finance and other global priorities.

Foster a sense of community by bringing together countries, stakeholders, and constituencies in all parts of food systems from all parts of the world.

Feature and mobilize the types of public and private investments needed to drive food systems transformation and prioritized game-changing solutions.



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APPROACH & PARTICIPANTS

Given the current state of affairs, the Pre-Summit will inevitably be shaped programmatically and operationally by COVID-19. Ensuring both safety and inclusivity is essential, and the Pre-Summit approach is shaped accordingly.

The Pre-Summit will take a “hybrid” format, with an in-person component pulling together hundreds of delegates in Rome complemented by a vast virtual program and platform engaging thousands of others from around the world.

Every session that has an in-person component will also have a virtual component to take full advantage of the hybrid approach. This approach will enable meaningful global engagement and inclusion of thousands or even millions of people in countries,

cities, and communities all around the globe. Those participating virtually will be as included in all programmatic sessions and elements of the Pre-Summit as those participating in person.

The Pre-Summit will bring together thousands of youth, food producers, Indigenous Peoples, civil society, researchers, private sector, finance leaders, policy leaders and Ministers of agriculture, environment, health, nutrition, and finance, among other participants.

The Pre-Summit will also crowd in global leadership, eminent persons, and leading stakeholders from across the food systems landscape that are ready to step forward to help set the tone for bold ambition and commitments alongside UN Secretary-General António Guterres and H.E. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy.



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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

THREE-DAY OVERVIEW

MONDAY, 26 JULY

- Opening Plenary (9-11am CEST) to kick-off the three-day event
- Official Pre-Summit Ceremony (3-5pm CEST) with the UN Secretary-General, H.E. Prime Minister Draghi, and other Heads of State and Government

DAY 01

TUESDAY, 27 JULY

- Ministerial Roundtables to explore country views and priorities in developing food systems transformation pathways to 2030

DAY 02

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY

- Synthesis Plenary to take stock of all discussions and contributions in three-day event
- Closing Plenary (3-5pm CEST) with the UN Deputy Secretary-General and other leaders to conclude the Pre-Summit

DAY 03



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OPPORTUNITIES

The Pre-Summit program will also include:

- Opportunity for **Member State statements** from every country that desires to speak about their priorities and progress in national pathways for food systems transformation;
- **More than 25 parallel sessions** across the three days focused on key thematic priorities and the latest evidence and solutions;
- **Bilateral meetings** for actors to discuss and advance shared priorities.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Detailed information on the Food Systems Summit is available via FAQ:

<https://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/frequently-asked-questions>

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Additional updates and communication materials for Member States are available on the Summit's Member State Hub Trello board:

<https://trello.com/b/w0QxSqJ8>

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