

# REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

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## Healthy and sustainable diets: enhancing the sustainability of food systems in the face of climate change impacts

*Thursday 14 March, 10:00 – 13:00*

*Palais des Nations, Room XXI*

### Background / Scenario

Food systems transformation is not only a matter of achieving climate goals, but of ensuring food security, better nutrition, and health for all, including women, children, and the most vulnerable populations. Consumers play a key role in promoting sustainability through their food choices and actions.

Food systems account for about one-third of global greenhouse gas emissions from production to consumption and waste disposal ([FAO, 2021](#)). At the same time, they are disproportionately impacted by climate change, including through extreme weather events, loss of biodiversity, changes in soil fertility, reduced water quality and quantity, and decreased crop yields.

The round table aims to facilitate knowledge and experience exchange among member States on current and innovative policies and practices, through a multi-stakeholder, participatory and inclusive dialogue. It will focus on exploring conditions for sustainable and efficient food systems. In particular, the discussion will revolve around two SDG 2 aspects, key for ensuring food security and nutrition for all: 1) sustainable food production systems emphasizing healthy soils, climate, biodiversity, and nutrition linkages; 2) creating an enabling environment for sustainable food choices, showcasing initiatives and incentives.

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## Programme

Overall moderator: Dominique Burgeon, Director, FAO Geneva

	<b>Welcome</b>
10:00 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raimund Jehle, Co-Chair, Issue-Based Coalition on Sustainable Food Systems</li><li>• Ariel Ivanier, Chief, Market Access Section, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE</li></ul>
10:20 – 10:25	<b>Setting the scene</b> Video on enhancing the sustainability of food systems in the face of climate change impacts – Initiatives from the region of Europe and Central Asia
10:25 – 10:35	<b>Outcomes of the COP28:</b> exploring the nexus between climate change and food systems, in preparation for the COP29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maria Vincenza Chiriacò, Senior Researcher, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (online)</li></ul>
10:35 – 11.35	<b><u>Part 1: building sustainable food production systems for better environment and nutrition</u></b> Moderator: David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mrs. Tanya Georgieva, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Bulgaria</li><li>• Dr. Verónica Tomei, Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany</li><li>• Halit Kanca, Professor, Ankara University, Türkiye</li><li>• Francesc Font, Farmer, Spain</li><li>• Filippo Capurso, Sustainability Coordinator, Andriani SpA, Italy</li></ul> From the audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jaewon Choi, Executive Director, DMUN Foundation</li></ul>
11.35-11.50	<b>The Voice of the Youth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short video – Stories from the field</li><li>• Sikemi Ifederu, Youth Representative</li></ul>
11:50 – 12:50	<b><u>Part 2: creating an enabling environment for sustainable and healthy food choices</u></b> Moderator: Dr Francesco Branca, WHO Director of Nutrition and Food Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julia Terpman-Perot, Partnerships and Cooperation Manager, Planet-score® (online)</li><li>• Marjaana Manninen, Senior Adviser, Education, National Agency for Education, Finland</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sukhrob Nurov, Head of International Relations Department, Committee for Food Security, Tajikistan</li><li>• Stefan Storcksdieck, Acting Head of Department, Max Rubner-Institut</li><li>• Alisher Umaraliev, Head of Institutional Development and Better Regulation Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Uzbekistan</li></ul>
12:50 – 13.00	Wrap up of the Peer Learning Round Table and concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raimund Jehle, Co-Chair, Issue-Based Coalition on Sustainable Food Systems</li></ul>

## Guiding Questions:

### Part 1 - building sustainable food production systems for better environment and nutrition

1. How can we scale up action for sustainable food systems that can produce foods for healthy diets, and also help maintain ecosystems, ensure healthy soils and support climate change mitigation?
2. How can community groups, cooperatives, small businesses, and smallholders shape and take part in building sustainable food production systems?
3. SDG2 has a potential to drive progress across several if not all SDGs. Considering the above policy areas, what are some of the enabling conditions that need to be in place to ensure this multiplier effect?

### Part 2 - creating an enabling environment for sustainable and healthy food choices

1. On the consumption side, what are initiatives and incentives in place that can promote food choices and actions which will also help reduce the impact of the food systems on environment and climate?
2. What are the current challenges of the consumer's food environment, and what are the solutions and actions to ensure the health and well-being of individuals, and lower environmental impact (e.g. food marketing)?
3. What policies and other measures can help facilitate the transition to healthy and sustainable diets?

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