

# FOOD DAY @ UNGA

Alongside UN General Assembly SDG Summit  
2023 and Climate Week NYC



Food systems transformation is critical to delivering the shared global agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Declaration on climate change and the Montreal-Kunming Global Biodiversity Framework. As world leaders from the public and private sector gather in New York City for the SDG Summit and UN General Assembly, and activists from around the globe participate in Climate Week, The Rockefeller Foundation, the Global Alliance for the Future of Food and the World Wildlife Fund are convening leading change-makers in food systems to elevate the sense of urgency and raise the level of ambition to accelerate implementation and deliver a healthy, sustainable and equitable future for all.



20 SEP 2023  
0845 – 1700

The special Food Day, hosted by the Global Alliance for the Future of Food, The Rockefeller Foundation and WWF, will be a highly interactive event with attendees participating in Action Labs to discuss the opportunities that will maximise impact in the shortest time possible, enhance collaboration and unlock the potential of food systems as a solution to the climate and nature crises. Inspirational speakers will open and close the event.

Food Day is a key moment between the UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake and UNFCCC COP28. It will rally leaders to elevate food systems transformation in their climate and development action plans and reinforce the importance of localized solutions. By connecting a diverse group of senior decision-makers, the event will help enable the development of context-specific strategies that can close the implementation gap on the ground and in the water.

## OUR AGENDA

### Morning

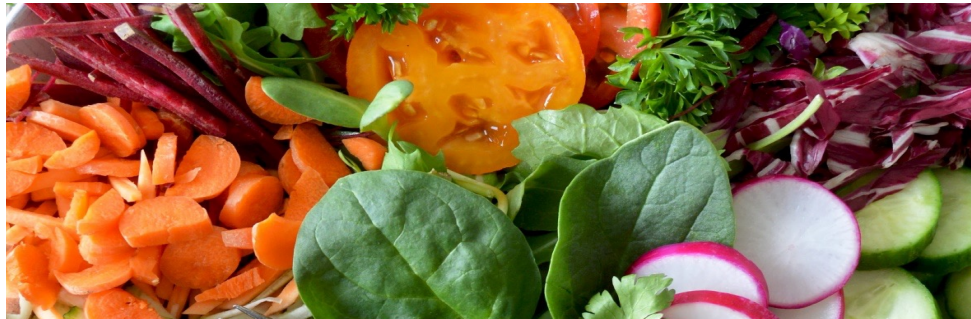
- Farm to table breakfast
- Road to COP28 - Ministerial-led discussions on Leaders Pledge on Food Systems Transformation
- Road to Implementation - how to scale action on the ground and in the water

### Afternoon

- Planet-Based Diet Lunch
- Action Labs - breakouts to deliver concrete actions and outcomes- Action Labs -Not available for online viewers
- Plenary closing with call to action

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## 0800 - Breakfast Networking

## 0845 - Welcome and Inauguration: Setting the Agenda for Food Systems Transformation

The Rockefeller Foundation, WWF and Global Alliance for the Future of Food will set the agenda by presenting a joint call to action for Food & Nature. This will be followed by two high level speakers who will provide the global framing for the nexus of food and agriculture, climate, nature, health and finance; key challenges; and pathways for a sustainable, equitable and inclusive food system.

Speaker: Elizabeth Yee, The Rockefeller Foundation

Speaker: Carter Roberts, WWF

Speaker: Anna Lappe, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Speaker: Inaugural Speaker Ambassador Cindy McCain, Executive Director, World Food Programme (TBC)

Moderator: Julia Moskin, NY Times

## 0919 - Road to COP28 - Policy Calls to Action

The COP28 Presidency team has launched its food and agriculture agenda for the summit in Dubai this winter, urging nations to include emissions from food systems in their climate commitments. To show their commitment, nations are being invited to sign a new Leaders Declaration on Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Action. The session will be about scalable action, political commitment and measurable results, spotlighting robust country progress, with a special focus on domestic investment and ambitious and bold policy commitments with the aim to issue the call to action to other countries and non-state actors to join the movement for food systems as an essential lever for delivering on the Paris Declaration and the SDGs

Speaker: H.E Minister Mariam Almheiri from U.A.E

Speaker: Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack from USA (TBC)

Speaker: Ministerial Panel - Leaders Pledge on Food Systems Transformation

Moderator: Gonzalo Muñoz, Chair Climate Champions Advisory Board

## 0950 - Panel Discussion on Redesigning our Food Systems with Equity and Inclusion

Panel Discussion on Redesigning our Food Systems with Equity and Inclusion by ensuring Indigenous wisdom, youth purpose, frontline implementation and womens' leadership are front and center as we re-shape our food systems.

Speaker: Juan Carlos Jintiach, Head of Global Alliance of Territorial Communities

Speaker: Erika Xananine Calvillo Ramirez, Indigenous Youth Leader from Mexico

Speaker: Ana Di Pangracio, Director of FARN

Speaker: Karen Washington, Rise and Root Farm

Moderator: Julia Moskin, NY Times

## 1020 - Coffee Break

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## 1040 – High Level - Road to Integrated Implementation

The session will be about the role of leadership in supporting scaling integrated implementation on the ground, linking climate, nature/biodiversity, land, water/oceans, energy to both food production and consumption and implications for governance, finance, innovation, policy. .

Speaker: Joao Campari, Global Leader, Food Practice WWF

Speaker: Alvaro Lario, President, IFAD (TBC)

## 1105 – Panel Discussion on Pursuing Integrated Implementation of 3 Rio Conventions

Panel discussion on the critical need for nations to pursue an integrated implementation approach to ensure alignment with the 3 Rio Conventions. Speakers will explore how policies can support non legal binding agendas like SDGs and help to fill the ambition and implementation gap

Speaker: Inger Andersen, Executive Secretary, UNEP (TBC)

Speaker: David Cooper, Executive Secretary, UNCBD

Speaker: Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD (TBC)

Speaker: Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC (TBC)

## 1135 – Panel Discussion on Decolonizing Trade & Finance

Panel Discussion on Decolonizing Trade & Finance. What structural changes are needed to ensure that finance flows to frontline actors in our food systems including smallholder farmers, farm and food service workers, Indigenous communities, fishers and land stewards and that their critical role in the transformation is supported through inclusive finance and equitable trade policies?

Speaker: Dr Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary Economic Commission for Africa and Co-chair FSEC

Speaker: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, DG of WTO (TBC)

Speaker: Uzodinma Iweala, CEO The Africa Center

Speaker: Maria Elena Rebagay, Regional Program Manager for Policy Engagement and APFP-F04A

Speaker: Reema Nanavaty, Head of SEWA India

Moderator: Deena Shanker, Bloomberg News

## 1200 – Planet Forward Lunch Networking

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## 1300 – Action Lab Breakout Sessions- Not available for online viewers

The Food Day Action Labs are the focal point, where we harness the collective intelligence and experience of participants to delve deeper into critical agendas, to provide input into tangible actions and deliverables for COP28 and beyond. The Action Labs have been activated with key stakeholders in each of the 6 areas, to start workshoping, deliberating and testing ideas and will culminate during the Food Day, delivering three concrete actions and outcomes. These outcomes will help us to raise the ambition for the Leaders Pledge on Food Systems Transformation..

### 1300-1410 Action Lab Series 1

Act Lab 1- Regenerative agriculture and Agroecology: Aligning on outcomes and accelerating the transition at the landscape level.

Act Lab 2- People & Food: Addressing sustainable consumption patterns and dietary choices; examining approaches to influence consumer behaviour and policy.

Act Lab 3 Aquatic & Blue Foods: Examining nutritional, livelihood, and environmental implications under climate change.

### 1420-1530 Action Lab Series 2

Act Lab 4 - Energy & Food: Weaning global food systems off fossil fuel dependency.

Act Lab 5 - Nature & Food & Finance: Exploring the intersections, synergies and impacts for Rio Conventions for food systems.

Act Lab 6 - Health & Nutrition.: protecting people and planet through healthy diets from sustainable food systems

## 1530 – Coffee Break

## 1600 – Plenary Closing: Calls to Actions

Our Closing session start with a plenary closing fireside chat with inspiring talks from our high level speakers. It will then bring together identified actions, key messages, across the action labs. The Action Lab outcomes will be presented by each Action Lab Lead.

### Closing Plenary Fire-side Chat

Speaker: Dr Kirsten Schuijt, DG, WWF

Speaker: Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, FAO

Speaker: H.E. Razan Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP28 (TBC)

Moderator: Danielle Nierenberg, Food Tank

1700 – End

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