

# Pre-COP 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.

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

- No Waste Breakfast Mingle
- 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
- Plenary closing with call to actions



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## 0800 – Breakfast Networking

## 0830 – Welcome and Setting the Agenda for Food Systems Transformation

The Rockefeller Foundation, WWF and Global Alliance for the Future of Food open the day dedicated to exploring collaboratively how we might #RaiseTheAmbition on food system transformation. This opening session outlines the need to accelerate and amplify implementation at all levels and calls on all food systems stakeholders to join us in this task.

Speaker: Elizabeth Yee, EVP, The Rockefeller Foundation

Speaker: Dr Kirsten Schuijt, DG, WWF

Speaker: Anna Lappé, ED, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Moderator: Deena Shanker, Bloomberg News

## 0900 – The role of UN Agencies in helping to #RaiseTheAmbition on food system transformation

This intimate fireside chat features four of the key UN agencies helping to accelerate implementation on multiple aspects of food systems transformation. From climate-friendly school meals to reserving 30% of land for nature and an agri-food systems roadmap for 1.5C and SDG2, the session offers a glimpse of some of the most exciting global initiatives that set the stage for implementation at the national level.

Speaker: David Cooper, Executive Secretary, UNCBD

Speaker: Speaker: Susan Gardner, Director, UNEP

Speaker: David Laborde, Director, FAO

Speaker: Carmen Burbano de Lara, Director, World Food Programme

Moderator: Deena Shanker, Bloomberg News

## 0930 – Redirecting capital and decolonizing finance for real food systems transformation

Without structural changes 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, food systems transformation will be stymied. Three vital voices from the frontline of our food systems reflect on how past and current geopolitics have influenced global trade and finance and share what it means to call for inclusive finance and equitable trade policies.

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

## 0955 – Preview of Action Labs

Sara Farley, The Rockefeller Foundation; Patty Fong, Global Alliance for the Future of Food; Brent Loken, WWF

## 1000 – Coffee Break

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## 1030 – Upholding inclusive and place-based innovation and investment

Food systems transformation must be rooted in the local context, people and geography. This session explores how an inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement process led by local experts to identify investment opportunities appropriate for each local context can uncover bottom-up innovation and lead to sustained impact with multiple benefits for people, planet and the economy.

Speaker: Alvaro Lario, President, IFAD

Speaker: Rohini Chaturvedi, Strategy Lead, Forests People Climate

Speaker: Andy Jarvis, Director, Bezos Earth Fund

Moderator: Melissa D Ho, Senior Vice President, WWF

## 1055 – Road to COP28 and beyond - Paving the way for greater government leadership

The COP28 Presidency team has launched its food and agriculture agenda for the December Global Climate Summit in Dubai, urging nations to include emissions from food systems in their climate commitments. The COP28 leadership is inviting countries to sign a new Leaders Declaration on Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Action. The session will preview the scalable action, political commitments, and measurable results being developed by the UAE COP28 team. The fireside chat will spotlight country progress and issue a 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

1055-1100 Opening Speaker: H.E Minister Mariam Almheiri from U.A.E

1100-1115 Fireside Chat

Speaker: H.E. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack from USA

Moderator: Rajiv Shah, President, The Rockefeller Foundation

1115-1135 Ministerial Panel - Leaders Pledge on Food Systems Transformation

Speaker: H.E. Minister Mavis Hawa Koomson from Ghana

Speaker: H.E. Deputy Minister Nguyen Hoang Hiep from Viet Nam

Speaker: Dr Agnes Kalibata President of AGRA and COP 28 President's Advisory Committee

Moderator: Gonzalo Muñoz, Chair Climate Champions Advisory Board

## 1135 – Equity and Inclusion are central to #RaiseTheAmbition

Even as calls grow louder for a greater focus on nutrition, biodiversity, climate and food producers within our food systems, the focus on equity and inclusion remains faint in comparison. What does it look like to center equity and inclusion at the very heart of the food systems we seek to transform? A panel rich with Indigenous wisdom, youth purpose, and frontline experience offers guidance and inspiration as to how we might re-shape our food systems.

Speaker: Juan Carlos Jintiach, Executive Secretary, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities

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

Speaker: Ana Di Pangracio, Deputy Director of FARN

Speaker: Karen Washington, Rise and Root Farm

Moderator: Julia Moskin, NY Times

## 1200 – Chef Foster Cournoyer Hogan introduces the Lunch menu followed by Planet Forward Lunch

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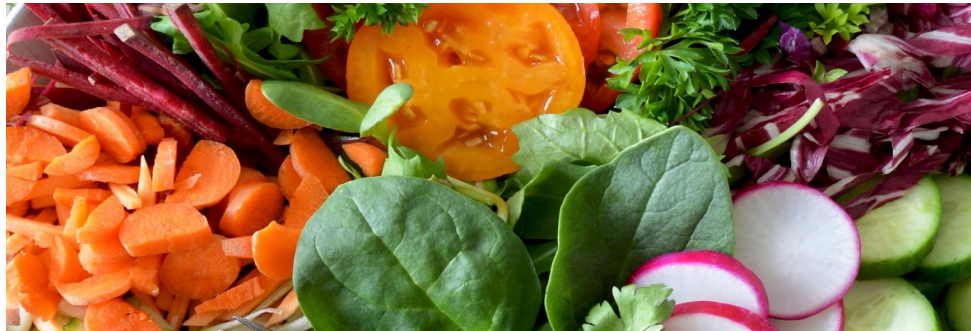
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## 1300 – Action Lab Breakout Sessions- **Will not be Live Streamed**

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: Unlocking the Finance for Transformation

### 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

The Closing Plenary will bring together identified actions, key messages, across the action labs. Our closing fireside chat with inspiring talks from our high level speakers.

### Closing Plenary Fire-side Chat

Speaker: Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, FAO

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

Speaker: Joao Campari, Global Leader, Food Practice WWF

Moderator: Danielle Nierenberg, Food Tank

Closing Speaker: Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation

## 1645 – End

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