

Breaking Silos and fuelling change: Aligning Nutrition and Climate for Food System Transformation

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Organizers:

Government of Madagascar - Ministry of agriculture and livestock (MINAE), Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All (HDSFS), UN-Nutrition, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

Background and objectives

Climate change and nutrition are tightly linked, with food systems sitting at the centre of this connection. As the climate crisis accelerates, it disrupts food production, reduces crop diversity and nutrient quality, and worsens food insecurity - particularly for the most vulnerable. At the same time, today's food systems are a major driver of climate change, responsible for up to one-third of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Transforming food systems is essential to address both climate and nutrition challenges. This means shifting toward sustainable, resilient practices that lower emissions, protect ecosystems, and deliver affordable, diverse, and nutritious diets. It also requires confronting power imbalances that limit access to healthy food and marginalize the voices of those most affected by these crises.

Bold, integrated action is needed—bringing together governments, communities, and global coalitions to align food, climate, and nutrition policies. Unlocking climate finance for nutrition-sensitive approaches, supporting innovation on the ground, and strengthening accountability across sectors can drive lasting change. Food systems transformation is not only possible - it's urgent.

Moderator

Ms. Najat Mokhtar, *Chair of UN-Nutrition*

Panellists

H.E. François Sergio Hajarison, *Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Madagascar*

H.E. Mr. Rabun Ouk, *Senior Minister, Chairman of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development, Kingdom of Cambodia*

Ms. Lilian Rahal, *National Secretary for Food and Nutrition Security, Ministry of Social Development of Brazil*

Ms. Wampi Libon, *Director Inclusive Green Growth, Ambassador Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Netherlands*

Ms. Jen Haugen, *UK FCDO's Head of Food, Agriculture, Land and Social Protection*

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Expected outcomes

1. **Share What Works** – Present successful county-led initiatives that connect food systems with environmental sustainability and nutrition outcomes.
2. **Unpack Integration** – Explore the challenges and obstacles that countries face when aligning food systems, climate, and nutrition agendas, highlighting how power dynamics operate and what success looks like.
3. **Trigger Collaboration** – Foster cross-sector partnerships - within governments, and with civil society, international organizations, and private sector - for more sustainable and resilient food systems, ensuring interactions are protected from conflicts of interest.
4. **Support Impact** – Discuss how existing global partnerships like the HDSFS Coalition, I-CAN and the SUN movement could better support the delivery on-the-ground results in transforming food systems.
5. **Shape the Road Ahead** – Identify priority actions and focus areas for advancing the nutrition and climate agenda at COP 30, including integrating nutrition into climate finance initiatives.

Programme

- 14:15** Welcome
- 14:20** Framing remarks
- 14:25** High-Level Government Panel
- 14:45** Fireside chat: maximizing impact
- 15:00** Conversation with the floor
- 15:15** Key takeaway messages
- 15:30** Close of session