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UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021

2021 Food Systems Summit
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The Food Systems Summit will serve as a turning point in the world's journey to achieve the SDGs.

With 10 years to go, we are not on track to achieve many of the SDGs.

There is **scientific consensus** that **transforming food systems also offers one of the single strongest opportunities** we have to change course and realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda, and to support the Secretary-General's call to **"build back better" from COVID-19**.

The **Summit will unleash bold new actions, innovative solutions, and strategies to transform our food systems and leverage these shifts to deliver progress across all of the SDGs**.

"Transforming food systems is crucial for delivering all the Sustainable Development Goals."

- António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, 2019



Our Focus is on Five Objectives to Advance with this Summit

1. **Ensuring Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All** (enabling all people to be well nourished and healthy, progressive realization of the right to food)
2. **Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns** (promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets, reducing waste)
3. **Boosting Nature-Positive Production at Sufficient Scales** (acting on climate change, reducing emissions and increasing carbon capture, regenerating and protecting critical ecosystems and reducing food loss and energy usage, without undermining health or nutritious diets)
4. **Advancing Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution** (raising incomes, distributing risk, expanding inclusion, promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all)
5. **Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses** (ensuring the continued functionality of healthy and sustainable food systems)

The Summit will also address cross-cutting issues such as finance, policy, innovation, indigenous knowledge, and the empowerment of women, young people and marginalized groups.

Summit Outcomes

In this context, it is envisioned that the Summit will result in at least the following outcomes:

- **Dramatically elevated public discourse** about the importance of food systems leading to the achievement of the SDGs and what to do to get the public working for people and planet.
- **Significant action**, with measurable outcomes that enable achievement of the 2030 goals. This will include highlighting existing solutions and celebrating leaders in food systems transformation, as well as calling for new actions worldwide by different actors, including countries, cities, companies, civil society, citizens, and food producers.
- **A high-level summary and call to action** developed through the process that will support Member States and other stakeholders to leverage their food systems capacity to reach the SDGs. Distilled through all elements of the preparatory process, these will summarize the optimistic and encouraging vision in which food systems play a central role in delivering on the vision of the 2030 Agenda.
- **A system of follow-up and review** that will drive new actions and results, allow for sharing of experiences, lessons, and knowledge, and incorporate new metrics for impact analysis.

The Summit must be both a “People’s Summit” and a “Solutions Summit”

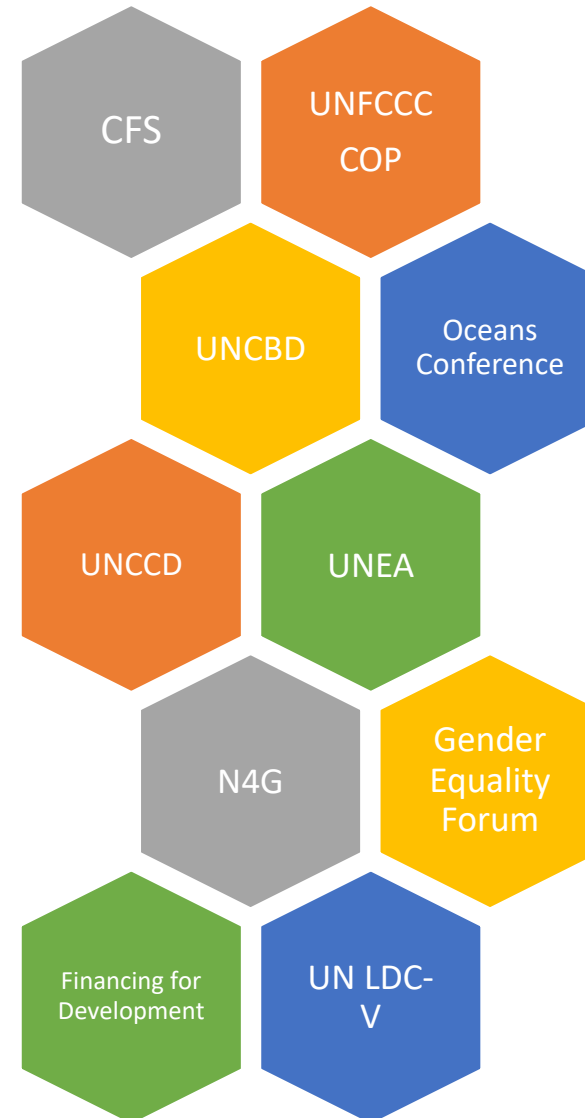
The need is urgent, and our ambition is high.

Food systems touch all of society, and all stakeholders – every government, organization, individual – need to do more. As a result, this must not be ‘just another conference’, but a broad, global, inclusive, all-of-society engagement process.

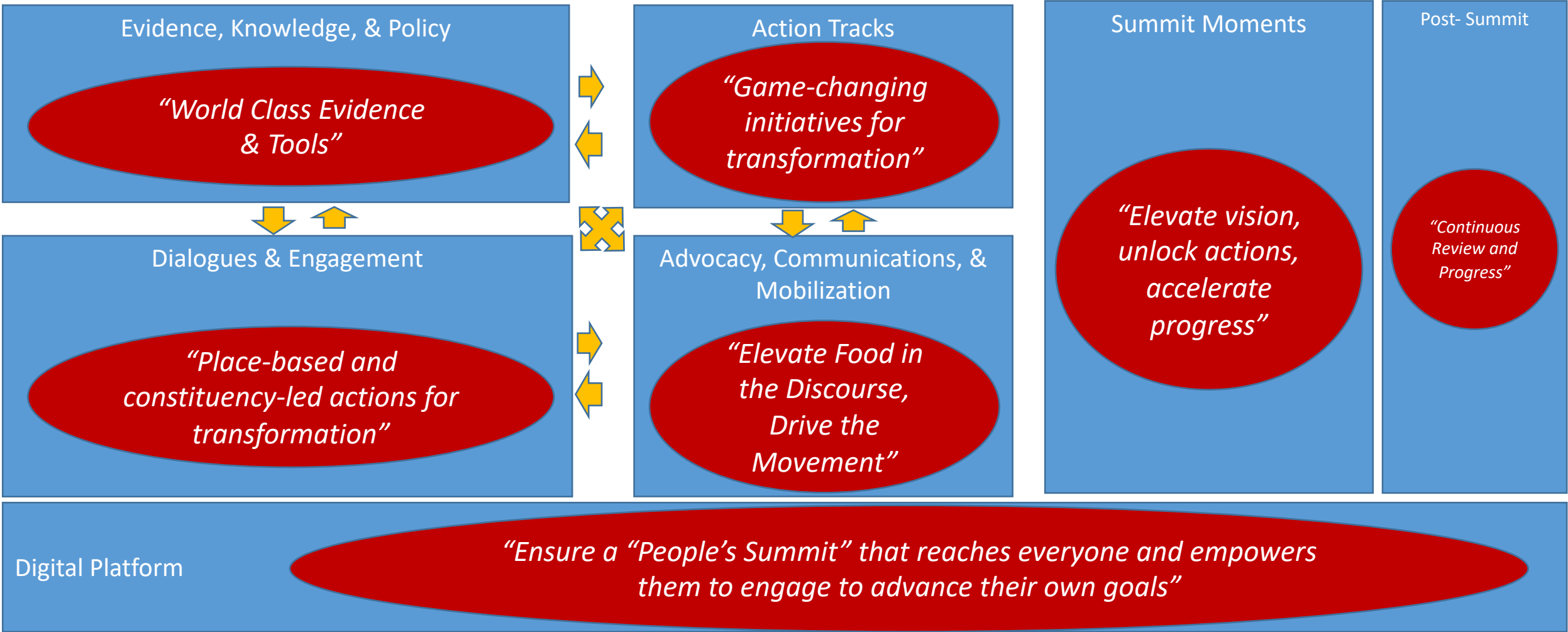
This is an agenda that must be owned by everyone, and so the Summit will seek to get all ideas on the table and to ensure action is owned and driven by different actors. It will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food.

The Summit will also leverage connections with other processes and respond to the “systems” approach. It will establish linkages and ongoing connectivity between these inter-connected processes.

*Figure: Processes for deep collaboration
(not exhaustive)*

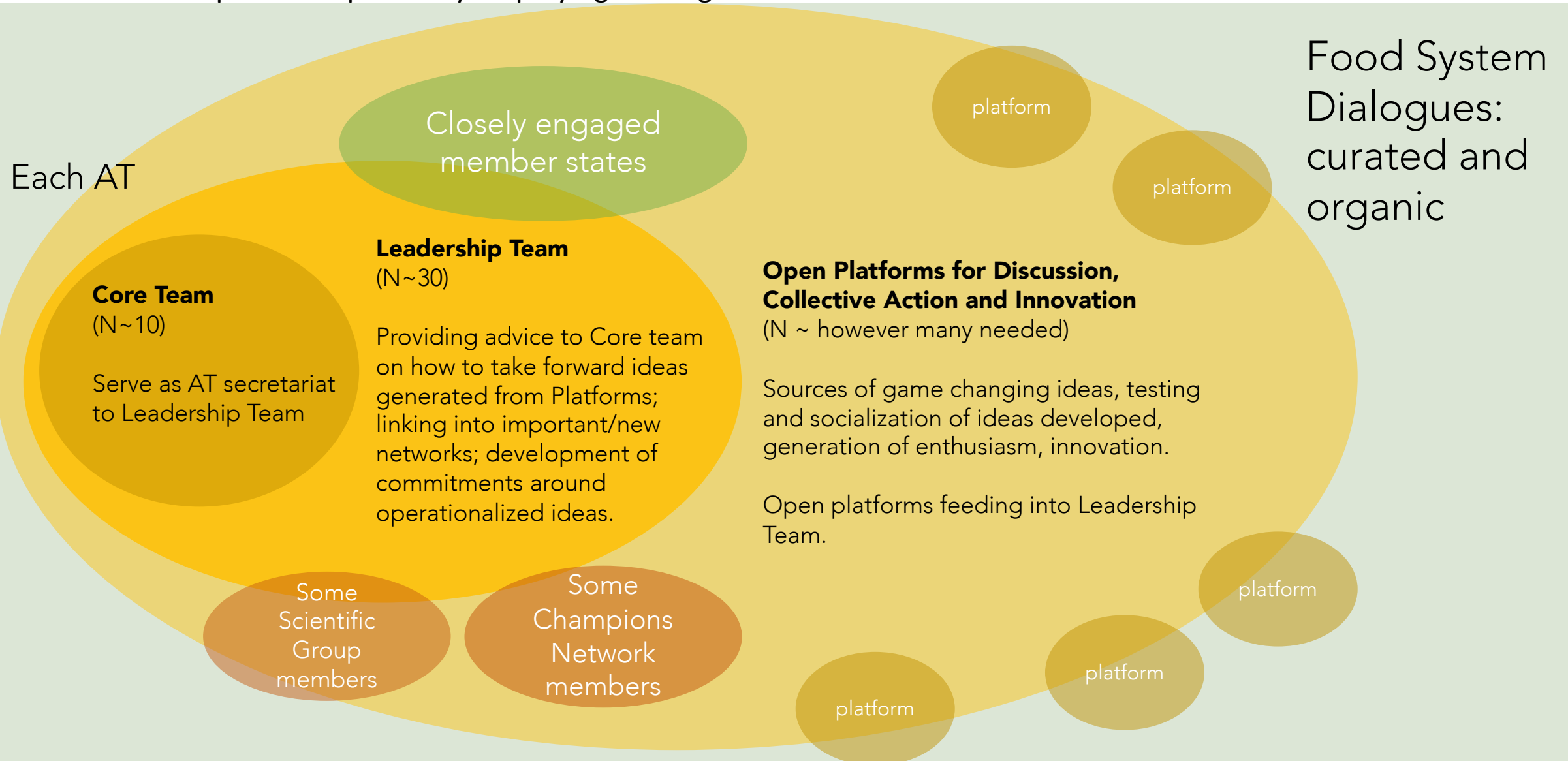


The Summit Work Streams are Designed to Deliver on this Vision



Action Tracks

The Action Tracks offer all constituencies a space to share and learn, with a view to supercharging their progress by fostering new actions and partnerships and by amplifying existing initiatives



Food Systems Summit Dialogues

The Food Systems Summit Dialogues are under development to be launched from today, and they are planned at three different levels in addition to online engagement.

Member State Dialogues: Three stage progression October 2020 to June 2021

- Organized by National Authorities, involving leaders of food system stakeholder groups.
- Participants explore options for the future of local and national food systems.
- They shape the national pathway to sustainable food systems by 2030, and encourage commitments from different stakeholders.
- Their findings are posted on the Dialogue Gateway website and synthesised for the Summit.

Global Dialogues: At high-level international events

- Organized on behalf of Summit Secretariat.
- Exploring interconnections of food systems with global action for good nutrition, climate action, biodiversity, the ocean, finance, women's empowerment, against desertification, and more.

Independent Dialogues: Organized by anyone in any local food system

- Toolkits accessed by individuals and organizations to establish multi-stakeholder dialogues.
- When dialogues follow the Summit principles their findings are posted on the Dialogue Gateway website.

4 Champions Network

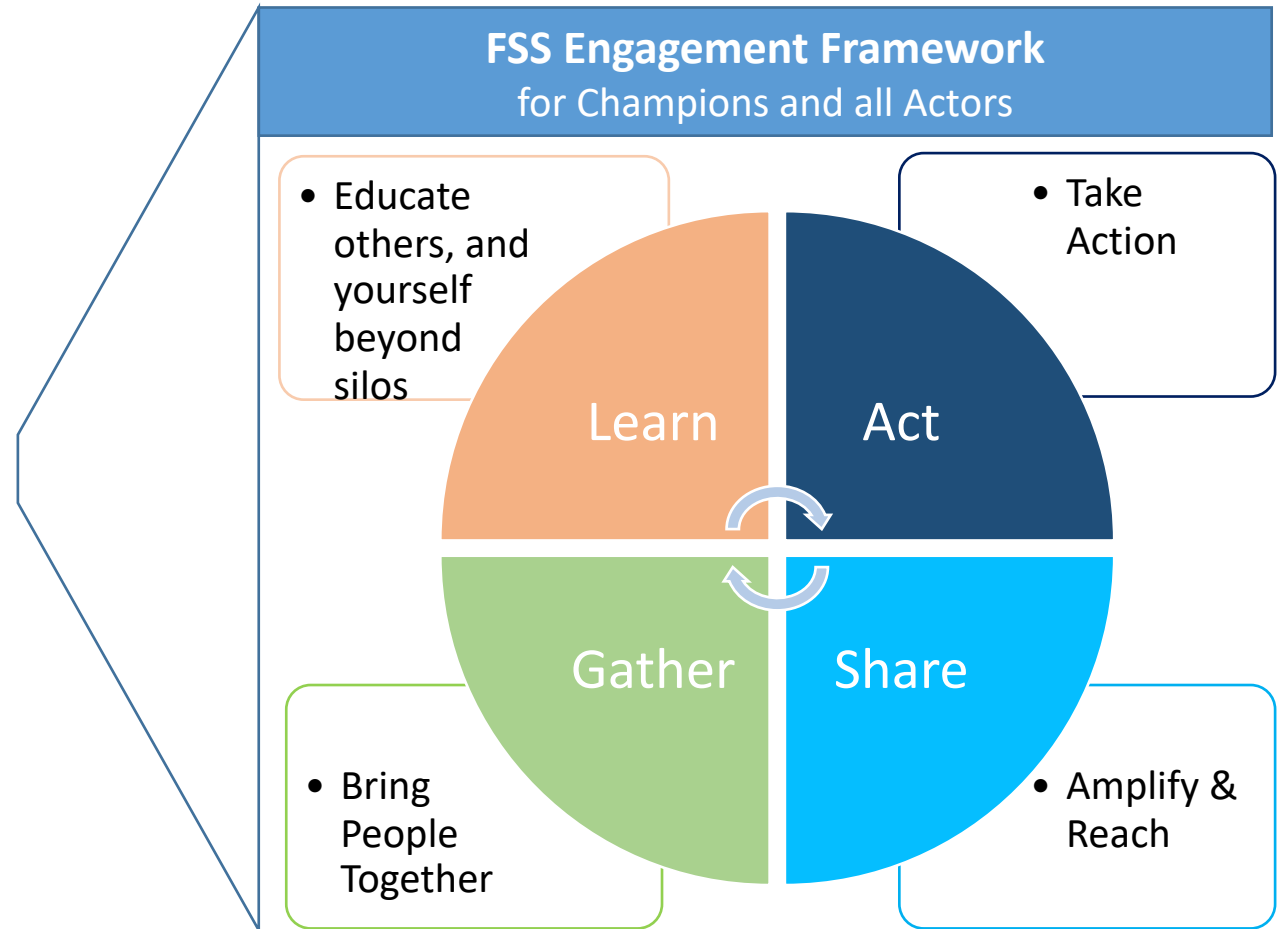
The Champions Network was initiated on September 30th, and the initial members are meeting with the Secretariat to work on how to strengthen the Network and refine its path forward to serve as the beating heart of the Summit. They are focused on the following topics:

1. The Components of the Champions Network

- Champions Network (~100) across all regions and all parts of the food systems
- Food Systems Heroes (thousands or more)

2. How the Champions Network engages with Action Tracks, Food Systems Dialogues, and beyond

3. An Engagement Framework for what all Champions are asked to do



Food Systems Summit Support Structures

**Advisory
Committee**

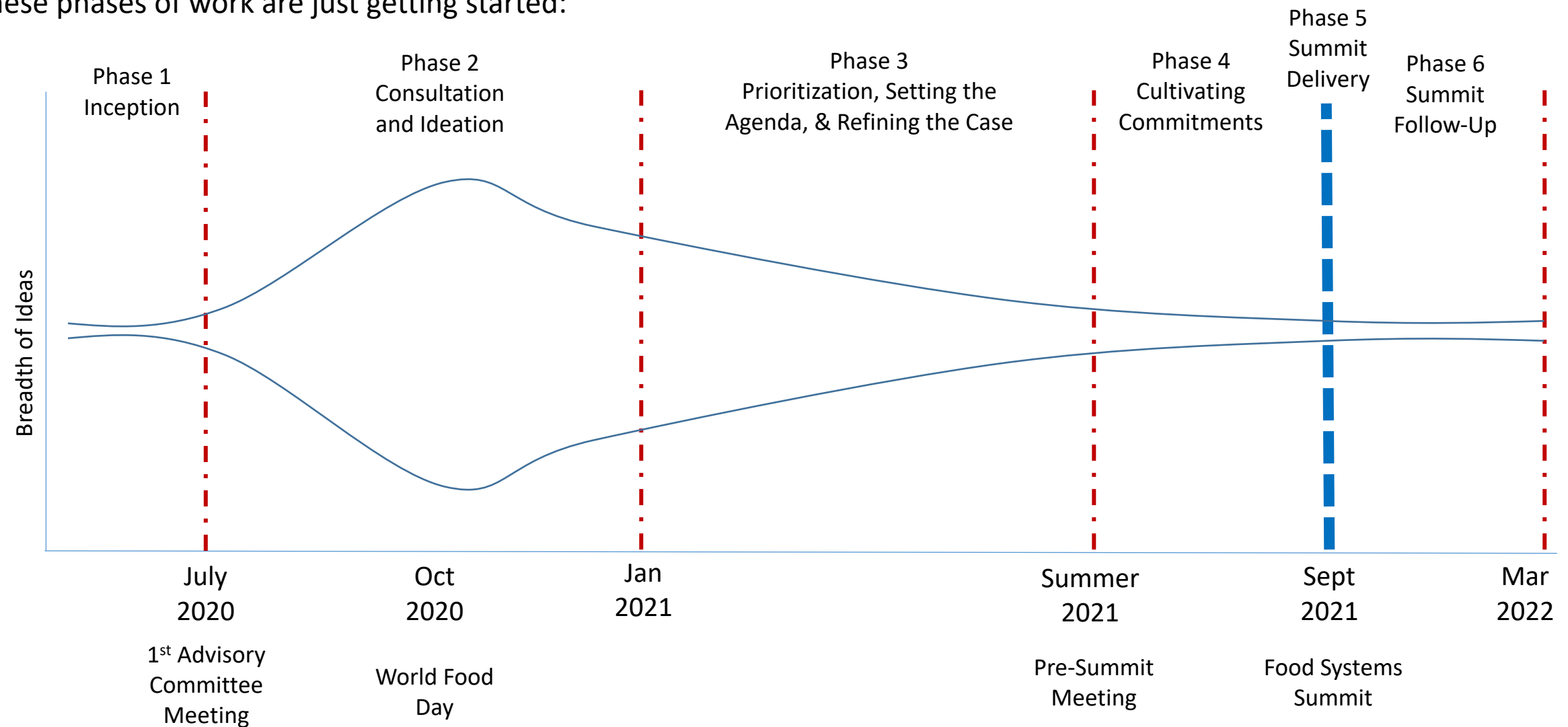
**Scientific
Group**

Champions Network

UN Task Force

Summit Approach and Phases

We have been putting the basic components in place towards World Food Day with widespread engagement. The Food Systems Summit itself is a pinnacle moment that must ultimately culminate from significant preparatory activities and will be followed up by several other efforts to ensure the it translates into action and impact to deliver its intended vision. These phases of work are just getting started:



Thank You