

Food loss & waste

What's up?



**SDG 12.3 ASKS
US TO HALVE
FOOD WASTE
AND REDUCE
FOOD LOSS
BY 2030**



The way food is produced and consumed causes high rates of food loss and waste (FLW). An estimated 14% of food is lost in the supply chain from post-harvest to wholesale (FAO 2019). Meanwhile, 17% of food is wasted at retail and consumer level (UNEP 2021). FLW has many impacts, such as wasted land and water, loss of biodiversity, loss of ecosystems and costs of nearly USD 1 trillion per year in economic losses. All of this comes against the backdrop of rising food insecurity and malnutrition. FLW is also responsible for an estimated **8-10% of global GHG emissions** (IPCC 2019), far higher than the emissions from commercial flights.

Just do it!

Halving FLW could help countries deliver their commitments under the Paris Agreement and help companies in their race to NetZero, given the emissions profile. **COP27** provides political momentum and commercial opportunities to intensify commitment to reducing FLW around the world. ***We need to act, and we need to do it now! We need you to join us.***



#123 Pledge!

We are looking for **#123 pledges** from governments, companies, institutions and single entrepreneurs (like chefs) to align at least part of their action agenda to one of the impact areas aimed at halving food waste and reduce food losses by at least 25%, by 2030. We are looking for enough concrete commitments to deliver a significant **reduction in GHG emissions**.

Impact areas:

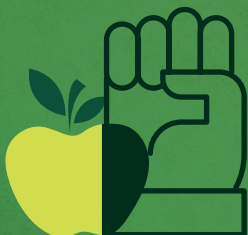


1. Integrating food loss and waste reduction into country and company climate strategies
2. Reducing food loss and waste along supply chains
3. Stimulating action at the national and subnational (city) level
4. Measuring, reporting and creating policy and regulatory frameworks for FLW reduction
5. Supporting behaviour change at consumer level through awareness, education and enabling conditions

About the #123 Pledge:

- It is a multi-stakeholder cooperation and action movement with the goal of reducing FLW and its GHG emissions
- It involves governments, businesses, civil society, and international governmental and non-governmental bodies
- Stakeholders will make **NEW AND ADDITIONAL** commitments that contribute to the reduction of FLW
- Commitments can be flexible to address the priorities already identified by the country, company or institution. They can be long or short term
- The **#123 pledge** is hosted by WRI, UNEP and FAO and will be launched at COP27 but will continue towards COP28.

Conditions for joining:



- The pledge needs to be simple, feasible and aligned with one of the 5 impact areas
- The pledge must include **a climate angle** and must be measurable and timebound

- Participants commit to providing **annual progress reports** to the Food is Never Waste Coalition or the Champions 12.3. Annual progress reports will contribute to the Global Stocktake (GST), which will conclude at COP 28 in 2023