



Catalysing the transition to sustainable agrifood systems in Sierra Leone



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Launch of an initiative to catalyse the transition to sustainable agrifood systems

Freetown, 21 November 2022. The sustainable agrifood systems transition initiative to be launched on 22 November will mark a new chapter in the journey for Sierra Leone's more inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems.

As pioneer of this initiative, Sierra Leone will test and pilot innovative approaches that will path the way for other countries in the region and world. This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Government of Sierra Leone, the European Union (EU) the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and Agrinatura.

On the occasion of the launch, a high-level event chaired by the Vice-president, with the participation of key ministers, district councils and mayors will gather key stakeholders to start reflexions and discussions on how to translate this sustainable transition into concrete action. The Honourable Vice-President will share the country's vision for a transition towards sustainable agrifood systems.

This high-level event will provide an occasion to share the findings of a series of stakeholder consultation workshops held the previous week, and organised around four technical areas, namely: food security, nutrition and health; marine fisheries and aquaculture; agrifood value chains and agroecology.

Sustainable agrifood systems are critical for Sierra Leone to meet its national goals. This high-level event will provide a platform for stakeholders to contribute to transforming challenges into opportunities and trigger lasting action.

Over the next months, stakeholders at national and district levels will be engaging in discussions and dialogues to contribute to identifying and prioritizing, policy and programmatic investment actions. Discussions will structure the pathway to address agrifood systems' challenges and to move toward greater sustainability and resilience.

The initiative will build on the 2021 Sierra Leone Food System Profile Report and the United Nations Food Systems Summit dialogues recommendations. It will guide short, medium and longer-term investment plans while strengthening existing know-how and institutions to embark on more resilient and sustainable agrifood systems.

Read the Sierra Leone Food systems profile on <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8792en/cb8792en.pdf>

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