

4TH ASIA PACIFIC FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION MEETING

2 - 3 March 2026 | United Nations Conference Centre (UNESCAP) | Bangkok, Thailand

A fourth global series of regional meetings supporting countries and partners to advance food systems transformation toward 2030. The series builds on the outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit (2021), the global Stocktakes in Rome in 2023 (UNFSS+2) and Addis Ababa in 2025 (UNFSS+4), and the regional preparatory meetings convened in advance of these Stocktakes.

Organizers: UN Food Systems Coordination Hub | FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP) | UNESCAP | Regional Networking Group on Food Systems

Partners: SUN Movement, NDC Partnership, UNFCCC secretariat and Asia Farmer Association,

Annotated Programme (For Distribution)¹

DAY 1

Monday, 2 March 2026

Time	Session / Content	Speakers
08:00 - 08:30	REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE	
08:30 - 08:50	<p>HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION</p> <p>National Food Systems Pathways as Living Frameworks</p> <p>This opening session frames national food systems pathways as adaptive, evolving frameworks that respond to climate, food security, and development realities. Leaders will reflect on progress since UNFSS+4 and outline the objectives of the regional meeting.</p>	<p>Alue Dohong FAO ADG/RR</p> <p>Armida Alisjahbana ESCAP Executive Secretary (TBC)</p> <p>Stefanos Fotiou Hub Director</p>

¹ The program is provisional and may be amended by the organizers.

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08:50 - 09:40	<p>OPENING PLENARY</p> <p>National Food Systems Pathway Highlights</p> <p>Countries share rapid spotlights on how they have updated and strengthened their pathways. Speakers will highlight new priorities, investments mobilized, and lessons learned from translating commitments into action.</p>	<p>National Convenors:</p> <p>Bangladesh, Cambodia (Online), Nepal, Timor Leste (TBC), Lao PDR and Philippines</p> <p>Moderated by FAO/ HUB</p>
09:40 - 10:25	<p>Keynote: Sridhar Dharmapuri, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer</p> <p>HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE 1</p> <p>National Food Systems Pathways in the Policy Landscape: Convergence with NDCs, Biodiversity, Nutrition, and Key Development Agendas</p> <p>This roundtable explores how food systems pathways are being integrated into NDCs, biodiversity strategies, nutrition plans, and national development frameworks. Countries will share how policy convergence is unlocking finance, coherence, and implementation momentum.</p>	<p>National Convenors:</p> <p>Uzbekistan, FSM, Fiji, Indonesia, Thailand, Vanuatu</p> <p>Moderated by NDC Partnership/ UNDP</p>
10:25 – 10:45	OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH & COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 - 12:20	<p>HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE 2</p> <p>National Convenors – From Pathways to Delivery</p> <p>This roundtable shifts from the <i>policy architecture of convergence</i> to the <i>ground-level realities of delivery</i> — centering the voices of National Convenors on what it takes to move a National Food Systems Pathway of a Food System Policy from political commitment to measurable implementation.</p>	<p>National Convenors Round 2a:</p> <p>Japan, Pakistan, Vietnam, Nauru, Tajikistan</p> <p>Moderated by WFP/ HUB</p> <p>National Convenor Round 2.b:</p> <p>Palau, Tonga, Tajikistan, PNG, Sri Lanka, Bhutan</p> <p>Moderated by FAO/HUB</p>
12:20 – 13:35	LUNCH BREAK	
13:35 - 14:45	<p>BREAKOUT SESSION 1</p> <p>Operationalizing National Food Systems Pathways</p> <p>Participants identify implementation-ready priorities, key bottlenecks, and financing gaps at sub-regional level. Each group will produce concrete recommendations, and partnership asks.</p>	

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14:45 – 15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
15:00 - 16:30	<p>PLENARY 1: Strategic Financing for Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>This session examines how countries can mobilize public, private, and blended finance to deliver their pathways. Panelists discuss practical solutions to build bankable pipelines and close financing gaps.</p>	<p>Moderator: HUB/IFAD</p>
16:30 - 16:55	<p>DAY 1: Reflections</p> <p>Reflections from academia and youth consolidate key messages, bottlenecks, and priority actions emerging from Day 1.</p>	

DAY 2
Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Time	Session / Content	Speakers
08:30 - 09:00	NETWORKING LOUNGE	
09:00 - 09:10	<p>DAY 2 OPENING & RECAP</p> <p>Brief synthesis of Day 1 key messages and transition to solutions-oriented focus.</p>	HUB
09:10 - 10:45	<p>PLENARY 2: Ecosystem of Support – Aligning Around National Pathways</p> <p>This session examines how UN agencies, partners, and civil society can better align support around country priorities. Participants will identify ways to reduce fragmentation and strengthen coordinated delivery.</p>	UNEP- UNFCCC Secretariat
10:45 – 11:05	COFFEE BREAK	
11:05 - 12:35	<p>BREAKOUT SESSION 2: Strengthening Pathway Pillars</p> <p>03 Themes: Country Delivery & Coordination; Finance & Investment; Inclusive Leadership</p> <p>Participants dive deeper into priority areas to identify scalable actions, barriers to removal, and concrete commitments for the next two years.</p>	
12:35 – 13:50	LUNCH BREAK	

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13:50 - 15:00	<p>PLENARY 3: Science, Knowledge and Data for Adaptive Pathways</p> <p>Experts discuss how science-policy interfaces, digital tools, and data systems can accelerate implementation and enable course correction in national pathways.</p>	HUB/SAC
15:00 – 15:15	COFFEE BREAK	
15:15 - 16:15	<p>PLENARY 4: Youth & Multi-Stakeholder Governance of Pathways</p> <p>Youth and civil society representatives share concrete policy asks and discuss how inclusive governance can be institutionalized beyond events.</p>	AFA & SUN Movement
16:15 - 17:00	<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <p>Advancing National Food Systems Pathways (2026–2030)</p> <p>Partners announce new initiatives and commitments to accelerate implementation. The meeting concludes with key messages and next steps toward 2030.</p>	<p>Closing remarks: HUB Director, National Convenors</p>