

# **Draft programme overview**

## Second Stocktake of the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS+4)

28-29 July | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Version as of 28 July 2025

#### Session typology in the main programme:

Main Programme	Description	Room TBC
Plenary	Meetings for all attendees. Will include the opening and closing.	CR1 (864 seats)
Ministerial Roundtables	Meetings orientated towards Ministerial Dialogue and designed for policymakers as the main audience – even as they feature Non-State Actor speakers and are open to all stakeholders. They could have keynote speakers and/or expert respondents to add value to the discussion.  The roundtables will deliberate and suggest high-level strategic messages focusing on shifts needed at the policy level to transform food systems.	CR1 (864 seats)
High-level Panels	Meetings with a full multi-stakeholder orientation, designed to involve practitioners and implementers. Would open with panels with leaders and experts to inform a broad discussion.  The high-level panels will focus on capturing the views and key messages from stakeholders – and an inclusive decision-making process – ensuring food systems policies are responsive to real needs.	CR1 (864 seats), CR2 (474 seats)



Parallel Events	Description	Room TBC
Featured Event	Featured events will cover thematic issues with specific relevance and importance to food systems transformation.	Africa Hall or CR2 TBD (458/474 seats)
Investment Dialogues	Two types of meetings: (1) Discussions that explore issues related to investment in approaches that support a solution-focused agenda around central food system topics: access to safe and nutritious food for all; sustainability; equitable livelihoods; and resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stresses. (2) Facilitation of deal-making amongst key stakeholders on prioritized food systems transformation programmes in specific countries, as well as with SMEs.  Investment dialogues will deliberate key interventions needed to encourage a positive role for the private sector in food systems transformation. This can, for example, address issues related to the investment environment as well as corporate accountability.	Africa Hall (458 seats)
Country-led Investment Presentation	Up to 10 countries will be provided with space and opportunity to present their concrete investment plans and highlight investible programmes with high potential for engagement from private sector, foundations, development partners, financial institutions, impact funds, etc. These presentations will showcase opportunities that are ready for investment, attracting interest for closer cooperation with partners and help to scale up existing programmes. The goal is to encourage and accelerate increased and targeted investment in food systems and inspire efforts in alignment with the UN Secretary-General's Statement of Action.	CR4
SMEs-led Pitching Sessions	Up to 20 SMEs and entrepreneurs are selected by the Business Engagement Group to pitch their ideas and present investment opportunities to the government officials, private sector, investors and partners during moderated sessions to be held on 28 and 29 July 2025. The selected SMEs will come from various regions and demonstrate tangible contributions across the food systems. Their selection will prioritize initiatives that are both impactful and economically viable. To support this process, a digital pitchbook will be developed in the lead-up to the Summit, helping to facilitate participation and provide additional information on key topics for discussion.	Caucus 11



Parallel Events	Description	Room TBC
Stakeholders Action Sessions	These self-organized sessions will delve deeply into the experiences and priorities of key constituencies, provide them with a space and a voice on self-selected issues, and – in particular – aim to advance partnerships and accountability (objective 2).	CR5 (115 seats)
Side Events	Side events will take place on the afternoon of the 27 July and throughout 28 and 29 July.	CR3-6, LBR, SBR and Caucus 10 and 11
Networking and Bilaterals	Facilitated spaces for connection and partnership-building that can be used throughout the meeting.	ТВС

#### Monday 28 July and Tuesday 29 July: UNFSS+4 Stocktake

The overall programme and flow of the UNFSS+4 Stocktake is guided by the three objectives and priorities highlighted by the UN Secretary-General in his UNFSS+2 Call to Action:

- Reflecting on Progress
- Partnerships and Tracking Commitments
- Unlocking Finance and Increasing Investments

The programme begins with a high-level opening session, followed by a plenary dedicated to reflecting on the progress achieved in food systems transformation since the 2021 Food Systems Summit. Over the two-day agenda, each session will focus on a specific thematic food systems enabler or challenge. Topics range from investment and building resilience to harnessing the potential of school meals, climate action, public finance, and scientific innovation.



Each of the multistakeholder sessions aims to generate key messages that encapsulate lessons learned and outline actionable steps to sustain momentum. The overarching goal is to emphasize food systems transformation as a critical entry point for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to foster continued commitment and collaboration across sectors.

The programme, through its thematic focus and inclusive participation of stakeholders, addresses the six action points of the 2023 Secretary-General Call to Action: Incorporating food systems strategies into national policies; establishing inclusive food systems governance; investing in research, data, innovation and technology; deepening joined-up participatory design and implementation; promoting increased engagement of businesses, including through public private partnership and strengthened accountability mechanisms; and ensuring access to short and long-term concessional finance, investments, budget support and debt restructuring.

The programme invites all participants, from Heads of State/Government and Ministers to multistakeholder representatives, to collectively reflect on the meaning and power of sustainable food systems amidst a fast changing world, discussing some of the significant progress that has taken place across various regions, and, looking forward, highlighting catalysts of progress and meaningful actions that should inform the direction of a collective effort in the next biennium towards 2030. All sessions will be multistakeholder and informed by the data presented in the UN Secretary-General and Independent Stakeholder Progress Reports.

#### Monday, 28 July

Day 1 of the Stocktake will offer space for the highest political leadership to reflect strategically on global developments and their relevance to realizing the right to food globally, unpacking the multifaceted relationships between various drivers and root causes, and reaffirming the necessity to pivot towards more sustainable food systems. Inspiring experiences of impactful policy convergence will be shared by decision makers, while practitioners will reflect in depth on the enablers and barriers of ongoing transitions. A crucial enabler of accelerated efforts at-scale, finance and investments will enjoy heightened focus, structured to operationalize the outcomes of the Financing for Development (FfD4) Conference.

Session	Plenary and Ministerial Roundtables	High-level Panels	Investment Dialogues	Featured Event and Stakeholders Action Sessions
08:30 - 09:00	Tree planting by high-level participants 08:30 - 0	9:00		
09:00 - 09:30	Plenary: High-Level Opening "Harnessing a			
09:30 - 10:00	changing world for the future of sustainable food systems"			
10:00 - 10:30	Lead: Ethiopia and Italy 09:00 - 10:50   Room CR1			
10:30 - 11:00				
11:00 - 11:30	Plenary: From vision to action: the power of political will for inclusive, resilient, healthy and			
11:30 - 12:00	sustainable food systems Lead: Ethiopia and Italy; FAO, IFAD, and WFP			
12:00 - 12:30	11:00 - 12:50   Room CR1		Investment Dialogue #1: Strengthening Enabling Conditions through Effective Policy Mechanisms	Advancing Accountability through Science: Advisory Committee (SAC)-led Session
12:30 - 13:00			Lead: World Business Council for Sustainable Development 12:00 - 12:50   Africa Hall	12:00 - 12:50   Room CR5
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:50			
14:00 - 14:30				
14:30 - 15:00				
15:00 - 15:30	Ministerial Roundtable: Navigating transitions to inclusive, resilient, healthy and sustainable food	High-level Panel: Listening to Practitioners: Barriers and Enablers of Food System	Investment Dialogue #2: Accelerating Investment through Innovative Finance	Food Producers-led session Lead: Agroecology Coalition, Asian Farmers
15:30 - 16:00	systems Lead: FAO and UNEP	Transformation Lead: UNDP and FAO	Lead: FAO	Association (AFA) and Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
16:00 - 16:30	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR1	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR2	15:00 - 16:20   Africa Hall	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR5
16:30 - 17:00	Ministerial Roundtable: Public finance, Trade, and Responsible Investments to Accelerate the	High-level Panel: Healthy Diets for All: Transforming food systems to achieve healthy diets and better nutrition	Investment Dialogue #3: Data and AI for Food Systems Transformation	<b>Youth-led Session:</b> From Bangkok to Addis Ababa, co-led by the Hub YLP and the Youth
17:00 - 17:30	Transition Lead: IFAD and WB	Lead: WHO, UN Nutrition, and Scaling Up Nutrition  Movement  16:30 - 18:00   Room CR2	Leads: UN Global Compact (UNGC) & World Economic Forum (WEF)	UNFSS+4 Task Force
17:30 - 18:00	16:30 - 18:00   Room CR1	16:30 - 18:00   Room CR2	16:30 - 18:00   Africa Hall	16:30 - 18:00   Room CR5
18:00 - 18:30				
18:30 - 19:00				Featured Event: High-Level Launch of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2025 (SOFI)
19:00 - 19:30				Lead: FAO and partners 18:30 - 20:00   Africa Hall
19:30 - 20:00				



#### Tuesday, 29 July

Day 2 of the Stocktake will consider emerging priorities of Day 1 under an action-oriented, accountability-driven lens. It will delve into concrete thematic approaches that act as catalysts for sustainable food systems. The closing Plenary will tie together emerging global priorities, key accelerators of national transformations, and emerging consensus amongst committed and accountable food systems actors as to the direction, objectives and milestones for the next biennium towards 2030.

Session	Plenary and Ministerial Roundtables	High-level Panels	Investment Dialogues	Featured Event and Stakeholders Action Sessions	
08:00 - 08:30				Featured Event: Unlocking Sustainable Investments for Home Grown School Meals	
08:30 - 09:00				Lead: School Meals Coalition 08:00 - 08:45   Room CR2	
09:00 - 09:30	Plenary: Transforming Food Systems Together: Aligning Action, Investment		Investment Dialogue #4: Increased and Targeted Investment through Public-	Indigenous Peoples-led Session Lead: Indigenous Peoples'	
09:30 - 10:00	and Accountability		Private Partnerships Lead: FAO 9:00 - 10:50   Africa Hall	Representatives in the SENA and	
10:00 - 10:30	Lead: IFAD, WFP, and FAO 9:00-10:50   Room CR1			Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems Coalition	
10:30 - 11:00				9:00 - 10:45   Room CR5	
11:00 - 11:30	Ministerial Roundtable: Food Sovereignty – Exploring National	High-level Panel: Transformation in Complex Settings	Investment Dialogue #5: Accelerating Public-Private Collaboration for Local	Business/Towards greater corporate accountability	
11:30 - 12:00	Approaches to Accelerating the Food	Lead: WFP, UNICEF, and the HDP Nexus Coalition	Impact Lead: WBCSD	Lead: UNGC	
12:00 - 12:30	Systems Transition Lead: Italy and Africa Union	11:00 - 12:50   Room CR2	11:00 - 12:50   Africa Hall	11:00 - 12:50   Room CR5	
12:30 - 13:00	11:00 - 12:50   Room CR1				
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch 13:00 - 14:50			Featured Event: The Implementation of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan: Interactive	
13:30 - 14:00	15.00 14.50			dialogue between African Youth Agri-Food Entrepreneurs and African Leaders	
14:00 - 14:30				Lead: Africa Union, AUDA NEPAD, IFAD, AFSF, AGRA, and Akedemiya 2063 13:15 - 14:45   Africa Hall	
14:30 - 15:00					
15:00 - 15:30	High-level Panel: Anticipating the Future of Food: Science, Knowledge and	High-level Panel: Mobilizing High- Impact Climate Finance	Investment Dialogue #6: Bridging Investments to Smallholder Farmers and	National Food Systems Transformation Convenor-led Session	
15:30 - 16:00	Innovation for Just Transformations Lead: FAO, CFS, SAC, and CGIAR	Lead: UNEP, UNDP, FAO, and Brazil	SMEs through Value Chain Lead: UNGC and UNIDO	Lead: The Hub	
16:00 - 16:30	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR1	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR2	15:00 - 16:20   Africa Hall	15:00 - 16:20   Room CR5	
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Plenary Lead: Ethiopia and Italy				
17:00 - 17:30	16:30 –18:00   Room CR1				
17:30 - 18:00					

### **Country-led Investment and SMEs-led Pitching Sessions**

	Monday, July 28 Tuesday, July 29		y, July 29		
Session	Country Presentation	SME Pitch	Country Presentation	SME Pitch	
08:00 - 08:30				Eco-Friendly Incubator Company 08:00 - 08:30   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Rechargable Incubators	
08:30 - 09:00				SaYeTech 08:30 - 09:00   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Internet of Things	
09:00 - 09:30			Sierra Leone Minister leading/ presentation	Damascene Essential Oils and Products Manufacturing PLC 09:15 - 09:45   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Oilseeds	
09:30 - 10:00			09:15 - 10:15   Room CR4 Focus Area: Agroforestry		
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00			Indonesia 10:30 - 11:30   Room CR4	Zanzibar Seaweed Company Limited (ZASCO) 10:30 - 11:00   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Seaweed products	
11:00 - 11:30			Focus Area: Rice and horticulture, fund of funds for food systems	MASH Baby Food 11:00 - 11:30   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Baby food meals and snack	
11:30 - 12:00	Cameroon 11:30 - 12:30   Room CR4	Zima Healthy Group Ltd 11:30 - 12:00   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Seeds and nuts (pumpkin seeds)	<b>Colombia</b> 11:45 - 12:45   Room CR4	Nature Dots 11:45 - 12:15   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Fruit, juice, ice cream, and dairy	
12:00 - 12:30	Focus Area: Rice, cassava, eggs, and milk	JPACO 12:00 - 12:30   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Fruit, vegetables (peppers)	Focus Area: Coffee and Cocoa	<b>Tigray Biotechnology</b> 12:15 - 12:45   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Plant Tissue Culture	
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch 13:00 - 14:50		Lunch 13:00 - 14:50		
14:30 - 15:00			<b>Jordan</b> 14:30 - 15:30   Room CR4		
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Sahel</b> 15:00 - 16:00   Room CR4		Focus Area: Processing, packaging and storage facilities		
15:30 - 16:00	Focus Area: Irrigation for smallholder famers and market integration	Shaddai Aquaculture 15:30 - 16:00   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Fish products	Ethiopia 15:30 - 16:30   Room CR4		
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Rwanda</b> 16:15 - 17:15   Room CR4	Confirel 16:15 - 16:45   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Fish, pepper	Focus Area: Oilseed		
16:30 - 17:00	Focus Area: Avocado, chili, irish potato, poultry, and tea	XIMA DE NAMAUA 16:45 - 17:15   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Maize milling			
17:00 - 17:30					
17:30 - 18:00	Dominican Republic 17:30 - 18:15   Room CR4 Focus Area: Agro-industrial Center	Entebbe Animal Care Centre 17:30 - 18:00   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Animal Breeding/ livestock products (pork/beef)			
18:00 - 18:30		Damascene Essential Oils and Products Manufacturing PLC 18:00 - 18:30   Caucus Room 11 Focus Area: Oilseeds			

#### **Side Events**

#### Sunday, 27 July 2025 | 14.00 - 15.15

Session	Country / Organiser	Room
Algeria's Saharan Agriculture: Innovations for Food Security and Resilient Desert Ecosystems	Algeria	LBR
Overcoming the Synergistic Determinants of the Multiple Burden of Malnutrition through Healthy Food Systems: Potentialities of South-South Cooperation in the Nurture the Future Project	Brazil	CR-3
Multisectoral Governance to Scale up Impacts of Investments in Local Food Value Chains	EU	CR-5
Tailoring Science, Technology, and Innovation to Local Contexts while Advancing Global Agendas: Lessons from Multi-Country, Cross-Sectoral Approaches to Agri-Food Systems Transformation	Japan	CR-4
Catalyzing Change: Showcasing Nigeria's Innovations and Collaborations in Food Systems Transformation	Nigeria	CR-6
Shifting the Narrative on Blue Foods to support people, nature and climate	World Resources Institute (WRI)	SBR
From Aspiration to Action: Country Experiences on Mainstreaming Agroecology as Food System Transformation Pathway	Vietnam	Caucus 11

#### Monday, 28 July 2025 | 13.00 - 14.15

Session	Country / Organiser	Room
Scaling Up Capacity for Financial Intelligence in Africa's Food Systems	Benin	CR-3
Debt & Food Security in Complex Settings: Exploring Pathways for Protracted Crisis Solutions	DRC	CR-4
Accelerating Food Systems Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Livestock Farming as a Catalyst for Investment, Innovation, and Resilience	Kenya	LBR
Making food systems deliver where it counts	Malawi	SBR
Leveraging Food Systems for Rio Synergies: The Role of Multistakeholder Approaches	Germany	CR-5
La transformation du système agroalimentaire : leçons d'une approche multipartite et multisectorielle en Mauritanie	Mauritania	CR-6
Grounding Food Systems Transformation in Soil Health: Evidence and Cross-Sectoral Action	Uganda	Caucus 11

#### Monday, 28 July 2025 | 14.15 - 15.30

Session	Country / Organiser	Room
Measuring What Matters: True Value of Food for the Italian Agrifood Chain Transformation	Italy	CR-3
Partnerships that Deliver: Unlocking Investments for a Resilient and Climate-Smart Agrifood Systems in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	CR-6
Breaking Silos and fueling change: Aligning Nutrition and Climate for Food System Transformation	Madagascar	LBR
Food is Never Waste: Advancing Food Systems Transformation through Scaling Finance and Partnerships for Food Loss and Waste Reduction	Ghana	SBR
From Vision to Delivery: Sierra Leone's Roadmap for Food Systems Transformation - Lessons in Leadership, Integration, Coordination and Delivery	Sierra Leone	Caucus 11

#### Tuesday, 29 July 2025 | 07.45 - 09.00

Session	Country / Organiser	Room
Accelerating Food Systems Transformation: Introducing the FST Accelerator	Mozambique	CR-3
Strengthening Policy Coherence and Convergence for Food Systems Transformation: Tools, Case Studies, and Pathways	Switzerland	CR-4
From Fragility to Resilience: Food-Based Solutions to Prevent Malnutrition in Crisis	Yemen	CR-6

#### Tuesday, 29 July 2025 | 13.00 - 14.15

Session	Country / Organiser	Room
Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages through Local, Traditional and Farmers Markets	Italy	CR-3
Scope of Investment for transformation towards an Equitable, Resilient, and Nutrition-Sensitive Food Systems: Evidence and Action	Bangladesh	SBR
CIALCO: An Integrative Strategy for Transforming Food Systems through Family Farming	Ecuador	Caucus 10
Empowering Laboratories to Combat Transboundary Animal Diseases and to Ensure Food Security: Role of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Network (VETLAB Network)	Ethiopia	Caucus 11
Mobilizing Investment for SDG 2: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships	Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security	CR-4
From Riyadh to Mongolia: Bridging Action for Agroecology and Soil Health to Transform Food Systems	Mongolia	LBR
Public-private collaboration for seed system transformation	Netherlands	CR-5
Putting agrifood systems strategies into practice: Learnings from the African Union Development Agency, Zambia, Rwanda, Ireland, and Chile	Ireland	CR-6



#### Annex 1: Detailed Session Overview of the UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake

#### Monday, 28 July

- Plenary: High-Level Opening "Harnessing a changing world for the future of sustainable food systems" Lead: Ethiopia and Italy
  - Prime Minister of Ethiopia
  - Prime Minister of Italy
  - Heads of State and Government
  - Chairperson of the African Union Commission
  - Constituency Representatives (proposed: World Bank, African Development Bank, Youth, private sector)
  - RBAs Principals (FAO, IFAD, and WFP) (TBC)
  - Moderator: External Personality (i.e. Media/journalist)
- Plenary: From vision to action: the power of political will for inclusive, resilient, healthy and sustainable food systems Lead: Ethiopia and Italy; FAO, IFAD, and WFP

Reflecting on Progress: This session will offer space to reflect on progress and share national experiences since the 2021 Food Systems Summit with increasing impact in a shifting global context through collaborative multi-stakeholder action at national, sub-regional and regional levels. In a world where trade, uncertainties and cross-boundary challenges make national economies increasingly interdependent, speakers will reflect on successes, barriers and emerging priorities, including integrated, systemic approaches that advance food security and better nutrition, poverty reduction, climate action, and environmental health.

Ministerial Roundtable: Navigating transitions to inclusive, resilient, healthy and sustainable food systems
 Lead: FAO and UNEP

Reflecting on Progress: Ministers will explore policy approaches to facilitating co-benefits and minimizing tradeoffs as they seek to foster more resilient, healthier inclusive, rights-based and sustainable food systems that progressively deliver the right to food for all, in the context of pursuing national development objectives. The session will discuss the interaction between the multilateral trading system and food systems transformation. It will also address the rising hidden health, environmental and social costs of food systems. It explores transformations needed to enable a shift to healthier food systems, addressing the negative impacts as witnessed in increasing costs of healthy diets and rising Non-Communicable Diseases.



 High-Level Panel: Listening to Practitioners: Barriers and Enablers of Food System Transformation Lead: UNDP and FAO

Reflecting on Progress: Successful food system transitions require more than policies; they call for a variety of national, subnational, regional, and global actors to align behind common visions, pull in the same direction, and be mutually accountable. Across the variety of roles, responsibilities and contexts, they experience bottlenecks to be given due consideration, but also common accelerators, such as inclusive governance mechanisms, resulting in sustainable impact. The session will build on the implementation of the 2023 Secretary-General Call to Action and the establishment of inclusive food system governance.

 Ministerial Roundtable: Public finance, Trade, and Responsible Investments to Accelerate the Transition Lead: IFAD and WB

**Unlocking Finance and Increasing Investments:** Based on the latest evidence, and building on the outcomes of FfD4, a discussion intended to help articulate a vision that mobilizes and optimizes financing, brings together actionable solutions and innovative financial instruments across governments business, investors, and development partners, delivering support for actors in the food systems space, particularly smallholder farmers and SMEs in a rapidly evolving development finance and trade landscape, while recognizing the call for financial returns, mutual benefits and accountability for positive social, economic and environmental outcomes. Featuring announcements and highlighting practical measures to address systems issues related to financing food systems and unlocking meaningful investments in food systems transformation.

• High-Level Panel: Healthy Diets for All: Transforming Food Systems to achieve healthy diets and better nutrition for all Lead: WHO, UN Nutrition, and Scaling Up Nutrition Movement

Reflecting on progress: This session will build on the momentum generated by the Nutrition for Growth Summit held in Paris in March 2025, which saw over US\$30 billion in nutrition funding pledged by governments worldwide. It will offer space to reflect on how countries are advancing nutrition outcomes through the transformation of food systems, supported by the extension of the Decade of Action on Nutrition to 2030. With the recognition that sustainable food systems are critical to delivering healthy diets, speakers will share progress, challenges, and emerging priorities in embedding nutrition across food systems policies and actions. The session will also spotlight the return on investment in nutrition and the importance of aligning national efforts with global agendas, including the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, ahead of COP30.



#### Tuesday, 29 July

 Plenary: Transforming Food Systems Together: Aligning Action, Investment and Accountability Lead: IFAD, WFP, and FAO

**Partnerships and Tracking Commitments:** This session will explore experiences with, and opportunities for, aligned long-term multi-stakeholder commitment, action, investment and accountability. The role of partnerships and reaching the most marginalized will be examined, and participants will be invited to share commitments guiding their action in the coming two years.

• Ministerial Roundtable: Food Sovereignty – Exploring National Approaches to Accelerating the Food Systems Transition Lead: Italy and Africa Union

The Nyéléni Declaration defined food sovereignty as "the right of the peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture system". Almost 20 years later, this session will look at the opportunities offered by policies pursuing greater food sovereignty by strengthening local and national sustainable food systems.

 High-level Panel: Transformation in Complex Settings Lead: WFP, UNICEF, and the HDP Nexus Coalition

**Reflecting on Progress:** More than 295 million people faced acute hunger last year, the sixth consecutive annual increase. Catastrophic hunger driven by conflict and other factors is hitting record highs, pushing households to the edge of starvation.

The number of people in need of urgent food and livelihood assistance continues to rise. Drivers are interlinked and superimposed on structural vulnerabilities. Primary drivers of food crises tend to vary each year, underscoring the ongoing challenges faced by populations to respond to and recover from successive and different shocks. This session will identify current priorities in a dynamic context and opportunities to chart a new course. It can be further informed by the experience of other unstable settings and crises.



• High-level Panel: Anticipating the Future of Food: Science, Knowledge and Innovation for Just Transformations Lead: FAO, CFS, SAC, and CGIAR

**Reflecting on Progress:** Building on the momentum of the 2021 UNFSS and the UNFSS+2 Stocktake, UNFSS+4 responds to an evolving global context marked by intensified challenges to food systems and the pressing needs to achieve the 2030 goals in only five years. Science plays a pivotal, cross-cutting role by fostering convergence and coherence across scales, from local to global, critically assessing the effectiveness of the ecosystem of support – and identifying levers that can overcome obstacles and accelerate people-centred food systems transformation.

• High-level Panel: Mobilizing High-Impact Climate Finance Lead: UNEP, UNDP, FAO, and Brazil

**Unlocking Finance and Increasing Investments:** Serving as a connection point between FfD4 and COP30, and in light of the COP28 UAE Declaration, this session will explore opportunities to expand and grow the options for financing climate action serving those who need it most, smallholders and adaptation efforts, through the transformation of food systems – and vice versa.

#### Closing Plenary

Lead: Ethiopia and Italy

- Deputy Secretary-General
- Representatives of Ethiopia and Italy
- Oversight Steering Group Principals
- Constituency Representatives (Women)

A Call-to-Action by the Secretary-General will be presented, capturing the key messages emerging from each session and identifying commitments for the next two years.