

## 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

***“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific”***

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### ***FAO Statement***

#### ***On***

**Agenda Item 4: Review of regional progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and opportunities for achieving the SDGs (228 words)**

FAO supports the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda by collecting and analyzing data through global SDG indicators, convening dialogues to amplify the voices of stakeholders, and producing tools and methodologies to enable and guide Members' engagement in the review processes.

The need for transformation of food systems and a move away from incremental change has been emphasized in the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report. The report points to transformations in food systems and nutrition patterns as essential for achieving the SDGs. The UN Food Systems Summit in 2021 and the more recent UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment, that took place in July 2023, called for systems change that has the potential to generate progress across the SDGs.

The following priorities are those that countries have identified as the first set of transformative actions that could accelerate the SDGs and agrifood systems transformation:

- Incorporating agrifood systems strategies into all national policies for sustainable development, ensuring no one is left behind.
- Establishing national agrifood systems governance that engages all sectors and stakeholders for a comprehensive approach.
- Investing in research, data, innovation, and technology capabilities.

- Promoting inclusive participatory design and implementation at the local level.
- Engaging businesses to shape sustainable agrifood systems and enhance accountability.
- Ensuring access to short and long-term financial support, including investments, budget support, and debt restructuring.