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## Transforming Food Systems in Asia and the Pacific: A Regional Stocktake

**Associated Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development**

30 March 2023, 9:00-17:30 GMT+7

UNCC Conference Room 4, Bangkok

### Organizers

The United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

### Registration

For in-person participants, please register on Indico by March 13 using the link here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1003108/>. Please register using the option "Registration for Others" and choose your associated event. Those who do not register on Indico will not be able to access the United Nations Conference Center.

### Background

Food systems play a key role in supporting countries to achieve all the Sustainable Development Goals. Following the 2021 Food Systems Summit, the UN Secretary General has committed to convene "a global stock-taking meeting every two years to review progress in implementing the outcomes of this process and its contributions to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda". The first of the global Food Systems Stock-Taking Moments will be organized in July 2023 in Rome, Italy.

As part of the preparations for the Stock-taking moment, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, ESCAP, and other UN Agencies will convene an **Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting on 30 March 2023 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand**. The Meeting will bring together National Convenors from Asia and the Pacific, UN Resident Coordinators and members of UN Country Teams, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss national and regional progress on food system transformations including the identification of best practices, bottlenecks, and capacity needs.

The Meeting will take place on the margins of the Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD) scheduled for 27-30 March 2023. This will allow National Convenors and stakeholders from a variety of fields to exchange thoughts on the interconnected nature of food systems transformation and the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. The morning session of the Preparatory Meeting will be open to all APFSD participants while the afternoon session will only be open to National Convenors and teams.

## Participants

Attendance will include National Convenors from Asia-Pacific countries and other regional bodies, civil society and private sector representatives, the academia, and other stakeholders as well as UN regional bodies and Country Teams.

## Expected Outcomes

The Regional meeting will serve as a platform for the sharing of experiences, good practices, and lessons learned in National Convenors' efforts to follow-up to the Summit including through the operationalization and implementation of their National Pathways. In addition, participants will identify priority actions and key messages for the region to be synthesized in the form of a short document, to drive actions towards accelerated transformation of food systems for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The key messages will serve as the collective regional input to the 2023 Stocktaking Moment.

## Programme

Time	Session	Description
9:00-9:20	<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome and opening remarks</li><li>Objectives and agenda of the meeting</li></ul>
9:20-10:40	<b>Recipe for Success</b> Roundtables	<b>Food Systems Transformation as SDGs Accelerator - Country Progress and Good Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Panel roundtables with national Convenors on good practices and lesson learnt on the implementation of national food system transformation pathways and key results supporting the SDGs</li><li>Commentaries from food system experts and stakeholders</li></ul>
10:40-11:00 Coffee Break		
11:00-12:00	<b>Lands of opportunities</b> Interactive discussion	<b>Food System Transformation from a Risk Perspective ("what do we need to do next")</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation on the ESCAP-WFP-FAO Food System Risk Framework and regional food systems challenges and opportunities (10 min)</li><li>Moderated discussion among national Convenors and stakeholders (50 min)</li></ul>
12:00-14:30 Lunch and Networking Break		
14:30-15:20	<b>Spicing up</b> Presentations & discussion	<b>Financing Food Systems Transformations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation of a regional/local representative from IFAD</li><li>Presentation of a regional/local representative from the World Bank</li><li>Presentation of a regional/local representative from the ADB</li></ul>
15:20-15:40 Coffee Break		
15:40-17:10	<b>A Seat at the Table</b> Moderated discussion	<b>Consolidation of Regional Messages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Moderated exchange on outcomes and facilitated discussion on key regional messages to be submitted to the global Food Systems Stock-Taking Moment</li></ul>
17:10-17:30	<b>Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Next steps towards the global Food Systems Stock-Taking Moment</li><li>Closing remarks</li></ul>

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