



REPORT

# ENGAGING POWERHOLDERS IN CATALYSING FOOD SYSTEMS CHANGE

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## DIALOGUE PURPOSE

Identify concrete steps key stakeholders can take, from the perspective of civil society, to ensure that recommendations coming out of the Summit are inclusive and actioned.

| Create a critical set of suggestions from civil society representatives

| Ensure inclusivity and actionability of the Summit outcomes

| Push for a pathway for taking these outcomes forward

| Important step towards the **Pre-Summit** in July

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## POWERHOLDERS

We identified the following levels of engagement to be the crucial powerholders in transforming Food Systems:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL NATIONAL SUBNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE SECTOR

The event brought together 59 participants from across geographies & sectors representing diverse stakeholder groups, including civil society representatives, those from the private sector, national, regional, and international bodies. The event served as an important step leading up to the Pre-Summit and will inform the official Summit process going forward of the key prerequisites to ensure inclusivity and actionability of the Summit outcomes.

#### ACROSS ALL LEVELS







FROM NATIONAL LEVELS

CORE MESSAGE MECHANIS

**BUILDING BRIDGES** 

CAPACITY BUILDING AND ENHANCING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

INTERNATIONAL **PROCESSES** 

TAILOR-MADE STRATEGIES

INTO EXISTING PROCESSES

#### ACROSS ALL LEVELS





#### Actionability:

- Define one strong core message in UNFSS to collectively bring to COP26
- Focus on localised solutions: local businesses, availability of healthy & plant-based food, meet communities where they are
- More focus on **capacity-building** & enhancing **technical expertise** for stakeholders and CSOs to engage in concrete actions
- Develop **tailor-made strategies** for specific areas, communicate implications for different countries
- Implement CSO watchdog role to ensure accountability and transparency
- Focus on outcomes that feed into existing processes; building on existing entry points & scaling them up to increase ambition
- Focusing on actions which make healthy choice the easy choice accessibility, affordability

#### ACROSS ALL LEVELS







#### Inclusivity:

- Ensure used language is inclusive, empowering and trust building
- Identification of responsibilities linked to other processes at a national and international level
- Policies and processes to be inclusive and participatory, not only focus on the food sector →
  holistic approach
- Multi-actor approach: address all stages of the food chain and include everyone, especially vulnerable communities, in decision-making
- Building bridges between stakeholders/ different actors working in silos
- Connecting formal national FSS dialogues and commitments from national levels to ensure full inclusion for sub-national governments in advancing solution sets that emerge from the Summit

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL





- For complete transparency, the FSS governance structure should be open to civil society and an accountability system should be set up, shared and owned by all the stakeholders
- Food systems have to play an essential role at COP26 catalyse civil society towards it, this is the role of the UN

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

#### NATIONAL LEVEL



- To empower **key actors** in food systems, the focus on **accessibility** and **affordability** as well as the guarantee of **technical** and **financial support** provided for the implementation of actions are essential
- Directly **reaching out** to **national governments** is crucial preparations to engage with **existing actors** to bring in **different actors**



- Frame actions as collective missions, that invite people to contribute to a continuous, evolving
  journey
- It is essential to **move** the **needle** further **down** towards the ground to **empower local leaders** better. **Resources** and **decision power** should be transferred from the UN and nation-states more to a **city-level** through different mechanisms and processes. With strong **fora** and **facilitators** we need to start asking questions and **empower conversation** at a **lower level** where the issue begins and then build up from there

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

#### INDIVIDUAL LEVEL



- Individuals should change their **consumption patterns**, but the Food Systems Summit needs to create an **environment of change** for those patterns. **Affordability** and **Accessibility** are key
- **Procurement** is impactful. For example, **food in schools/universities** can contribute to change towards a **more healthy & sustainable consumption** which is why more focus is needed on the **impact of surroundings**

#### PRIVATE SECTOR







- There are many different types of the private sector: some are transnational; some are small-holders. Additionally, the split between the Global North and Global South needs to be considered - more focus on the large corporations that are significant for the change to a more sustainable system is needed
- Realising the **importance** of **"unusual" alliances** between **NGOs**, **private** and **public sector** is essential these partnerships can be useful but it is important to find a balance between partnerships without the risk of greenwashing

#### KEY ACTORS:





#### **PARTICIPANTS**







































































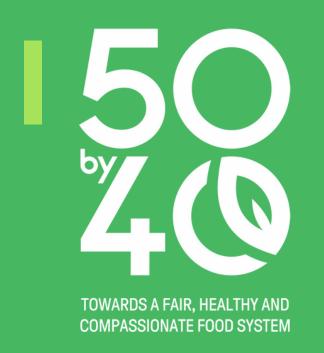








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