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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystem Research Development Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau

FROM : In-Charge, Office of the Director for Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS TO THE VOLUNTARY PROGRESS  
REVIEW AND THE GOOD PRACTICE STORY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES**

DATE : 18 MAY 2023

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This has reference to the letter dated 05 May 2023 from Director Stefanos Fotiou, Office of Sustainable Development Goals and UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023 which will be held on 24-26 July 2023 in Rome, Italy.

The Hub wishes to document PH's progress and milestones, while simultaneously identifying persistent bottlenecks and challenges the country has been facing towards laying the foundations for a robust follow-through after the Food Systems Summit in 2021.

In this regard, we would like to request for inputs to the (1) Template for Voluntary Progress Review on Country Level Food Systems Transformation and the (2) Template for Stories and Good Practices on Food Systems Transformation. Your office may submit more than one (1) good practice/story; however, one form should be filled out for each story/good practice. This may include any of the following:

1. Integrating the national pathways in the national strategies and sector plans;
2. Building more resilient food systems;
3. Localizing food systems;
4. Expanding private sector engagement;
5. Effective food system governance structures;
6. Gender-inclusive agri-food systems; and
7. Access to affordable nutrition

Kindly submit your inputs to the abovestated templates on or before **26 May 2023** to the [FSS-Hub@fao.org](mailto:FSS-Hub@fao.org), copy furnished [Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org](mailto:Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org) and [psddivision@gmail.com](mailto:psddivision@gmail.com).

For your information and consideration.

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Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs <ouppia@denr.gov.ph>

## [Due on 15 May 2023]: VERY URGENT: Voluntary Progress Review and the Good Practice Story Template of the UNFS Coordination Hub

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### VERY URGENT

Dear Colleagues,

Good afternoon.

Attached is a letter dated 05 May 2023 from Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals and UN Food Systems Coordination Hub addressed to Undersecretary Mercerita A. Sombilla of the Department of Agriculture (DA) on the 1<sup>st</sup> UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023 which will be held from 24 to 26 July 2023 in Rome, Italy.

In preparation for this event, the United Nations Food Systems (UNFS) Coordination Hub also known as the Hub is interested in knowing the Philippines' overall journey on implementing food systems transformation and in collecting the most inspiring stories and good practices that reflect the progress that Philippines has made toward food systems transformation.

The Hub wishes to document PH's progress and milestones, while simultaneously identifying persistent bottlenecks and challenges the country has been facing towards laying the foundations for a robust follow-through after the Food Systems Summit in 2021.

As PH has been advocating that the food systems transformation in the country is to be undertaken through a whole-of-nation approach, we are reaching out to your agencies in accomplishing the attached two (2) reporting templates from the UNFS on the Voluntary Progress Review and the Good Practice Story of the Philippines:

#### 1. Template for Voluntary Progress Review on Country-Level Food Systems Transformation

The questions in the reporting template were put together to help the Philippines systematize its preparations for the Stocktaking Moment in July 2023. The template seeks to present PH's overall journey in implementing food systems transformation.

#### 2. Template for Stories and Good Practices on Food Systems Transformation

In preparation for the 2023 Stocktaking Moment, the Hub would like to prepare a compendium of shared stories and good practices on food systems transformations. The Philippines is invited to submit its stories and good practices, capturing its journey in implementing or supporting food systems transformation

activities at national, sub-national, regional, and global levels. In the same manner, this template exercise aims to:

- Share and highlight some of the most inspiring stories of food systems transformation in the framework of the national pathways or other food systems transformation processes in the country;
- Identify good practices and lessons that can help to accelerate and scale up this transformation; and,
- Support cross-country and multi-stakeholder learning and collaboration for a global agenda for the accelerated transformation of our food systems.

PH may submit more than one (1) good practice/story; however, PH needs to fill out one form per story/good practice. PH can share practices on any food system-related activity, e.g. (i) on integrating the national pathways in the national strategies and sector plans; (ii) building more resilient food systems; (iii) localizing food systems; (iv) expanding private sector engagement; (v) effective food system governance structures; (vi) gender-inclusive agri-food systems; and (vii) access to affordable nutrition; smart financing or other topics of our choice.

We sincerely apologize for the short notice but UNIO would appreciate receiving your agency's kind response by Monday, 15 May 2023.

The official letter on the subject is forthcoming.

Thank you.

Winnie

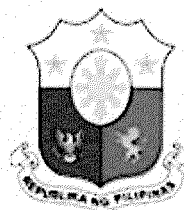
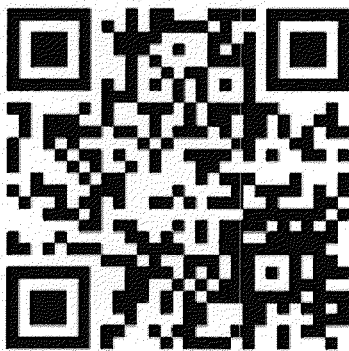
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 **UNFS Letter to DA Usec Sombilla re reporting template.pdf**  
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 **Country-Stocktaking-Template.docx**  
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 **Story - Good Practice Template Final Public.docx**  
59K



Rome, 05 May 2023

Ms Mercedita A. Sombilla  
Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Regulations  
National Convenor  
Department of Agriculture  
Metro Manila  
Philippines

Dear Ms Sombilla,

I have the pleasure to express my sincere gratitude for Philippines interest towards the 1<sup>st</sup> UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023, which will be held from 24 to 26 July 2023 in Rome, Italy.

In preparation for this event, the Food Systems Coordination Hub is interested in knowing Philippine's overall journey on implementing food systems transformation and in collecting the most inspiring stories and good practices that reflect the progress that Philippines has made toward food systems transformation.

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that your request for an extension has been granted. Please submit the Template for Voluntary Progress Review on Country Level Food Systems Transformation and the Template for Stories and Good Practices on Food Systems Transformation **by Monday, 15 May** to the [FSS-Hub@fao.org](mailto:FSS-Hub@fao.org) with a copy to [Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org](mailto:Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefanos Fotiou", enclosed in a light blue oval.

**Stefanos Fotiou**  
Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals  
Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

# 1<sup>st</sup> UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023

## Template for Stories and Good Practices on Food Systems Transformation

### Introduction

In preparation for the 2023 Stocktaking Moment in July, the Hub would like to prepare a compendium of shared stories and good practices on food systems transformations.

We are inviting countries and organizations (academic institutions, coalitions, UN Agencies, international organizations, stakeholder organizations, civil society, the private sector, etc.) to submit their stories and good practices, capturing their journey in implementing or supporting food systems transformation activities at national, sub-national, regional and global levels. This exercise aims to:

- i) share and highlight some of the most inspiring stories of food systems transformation in the framework of the national pathways or other food systems transformation processes
- ii) identify good practices and lessons that can help to accelerate and scale-up this transformation
- iii) support cross-country and multi-stakeholder learning and collaboration for a global agenda for the accelerated transformation of our food systems

Please share with us **one specific** story/good practice related to the implementation of food systems transformation. Each country or organization can submit *more than one* good practice/story but please fill out one form per story/good practice. You can share practices on any food system related activity, for example on integrating the national pathways in the national strategies and sector plans; building more resilient food systems; localising food systems; expanding private sector engagement; effective food system governance structures; gender-inclusive agri-food systems; access to affordable nutrition; smart financing or other topics of your choice.

Please submit the template **by Friday, 5 May 2023** to the [FSS-Hub@fao.org](mailto:FSS-Hub@fao.org) with a copy to [Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org](mailto:Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org).

**Country or Organization name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact details of person responsible for filling out the questionnaire**

**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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### Permission to use the information in this form

Please choose one of the following:

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**This is a story / good practice from: (select only one)**

- National or sub-national level. Country or/ province/city:Click or tap here to enter text.
- Regional level. Region: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Global level

**This is a story / good practice in the area of (select only one)**

- Nourishing All People
- Boosting Nature-based Solutions
- Advancing Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work and Empowered Communities
- Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses
- Accelerating the Mean of Implementation

**This story / good practice is related to one of the following transformation enablers**

- Integrating pathways (or related planning instruments) into national strategies/plans
- Operationalizing pathways/food system transformation (Action plans or/and allocation of budget or/and M&E Frameworks)
- Financing or investment plans for implementation of pathways/food systems transformation (including leveraging exiting financing structures)
- Reforming or revitalizing governance structures to support effective food systems transformation
- Localizing pathways/food system transformation
- Mainstreaming gender inclusive food systems
- Engaging the private sector and smart financing models (PPP, Green Bonds, etc.)
- Enabling local, diverse, nutritious food systems including Indigenous Peoples aspects
- Accelerating Science, Technology and Innovation for food systems transformation
- Other (please specify)

**Title of the story / good practise**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What was the problem/issue? Provide a brief background of this story/good practice of food system transformation including key facts and the problem/issue that was addressed. (Maximum 150 words)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What action was taken? Describe the actions taken that led to the positive change you have observed. (Maximum 150 words)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What was the result? Describe the main results and changes from implementing this good practise (who benefitted, what was the output etc). (Maximum 200 words)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**In one sentence describe the transformational outputs of your story/good practice. How does this story/good practice contribute to food systems transformation? (Maximum 200 words)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Media**

Please attach, if available, a photo, graph or other media (in high resolution) with the source of media (owner/agency/ photographer) to accompany your story. Please make sure to send this form and your media by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May** to the [FSS-Hub@fao.org](mailto:FSS-Hub@fao.org) with a copy to [Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org](mailto:Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org).



# 1<sup>st</sup> UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023

## Template for Voluntary Progress Review on: Country Level Food Systems Transformation

During the 2021 Food Systems Summit, countries presented their visions and commitments on transforming food systems to become more sustainable and contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Since then, progress has occurred at national, regional, and global levels and a number of milestones were achieved during this first biennium after the Summit.

The UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (the Hub) wishes to document this progress and milestones and give an opportunity to countries to celebrate them during the 2023 Stocktaking Moment. At the same time, identifying persisting bottlenecks and challenges will constitute an important exercise towards laying the foundations for a robust follow-through after the Stocktaking Moment, looking ahead to the SDG Summit and the 2025 Stocktaking Moment.

The questions below were put together to help countries systematize their preparations for the Stocktaking Moment. This template seeks to serve a voluntary effort and does not imply any mandatory reporting request in relation to the Stocktaking Moment.

Please note that this template should be used by countries to present their overall journey on implementing food systems transformation. An additional template for countries that would like to present specific best practices on food systems transformation is also available and should be filled out separately.

Please submit your inputs by Friday, 5 May 2023 to the FSS-Hub@fao.org with a copy to Kennedy.Baruta@fao.org.

**Country name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact details of National Convenor or person responsible for filling out the questionnaire**

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## 1. Implementing food systems transformation/change

1.1 Please provide a short narrative on the steps your country has taken to implement food systems transformation through concrete and integrated actions. (Maximum 300 words).

Click or tap here to enter text.

1.2 If available, please provide some details on actions to ensure that food systems in your country:

- Nourish All People (Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- Boost Nature-based Solutions(Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- Advance Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work and Empowered Communities(Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses(Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1.3 What is the main achievement you are most proud of? (Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1.4 What have been some challenges and how have you overcome them? (Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1.5 What challenges remain? (Maximum 50 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.



**1.6.A.** Since the 2021 Food Systems Summit, have you developed or are you working on any of the following outputs as steps towards the implementation of your country's Food Systems Transformation Pathway?

*(If your country has not yet finalized a national pathway, please skip to question 1.6.B.)*

- Action/implementation plan for the pathway
- Costing of the pathway/implementation plan
- Integration of pathway/implementation plan into national strategies and/or sector plans
- Investment plan/strategy for the implementation of the pathway
- Allocation of specific public budget for the implementation of the pathway
- Monitoring and evaluation plan for the pathway
- Localization of the pathway at sub-national level (through local dialogues, local capacity development etc.)
- Communication and advocacy plan on food systems
- Capacity development plan/activities
- Continuation of Food Systems Dialogues at national and/or sub-national level
- Reformulation or mapping of existing national policies, strategies and/or legislative/regulatory tools as tools to support implementation of the pathway
- Official process that institutionalizes the pathway
- Other (Click or tap here to enter text.)

**1.6.B.** If your country has not (yet) a National Food Systems Transformation Pathway, what steps have you taken to accelerate food systems transformation in your country?

- Food systems transformation planning process (including the potential development of a National Food Systems Transformation Pathway)
- Realization of investment plan/strategy for food systems transformation
- Allocation of specific public budget for food systems transformation
- Monitoring and evaluation plan on food systems transformation
- Local level activities on food systems transformation
- Communication, awareness raising and advocacy on food systems
- Capacity development activities on food systems transformation
- National dialogues to shape a national food systems transformation vision
- Reformulation or mapping of existing national sectoral policies and legislative tools for greater coherence to support food systems transformation
- Other (Click or tap here to enter text.)

## 2. Means of Implementation

**2.1** Since the 2021 Food Systems Summit, describe any action taken at your country to accelerate the Means of Implementation for food systems transformation at national level, in particular, support to enhance implementation through financing, data, science and innovation, governance and trade (Maximum 200 words).

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**2.2** Has your country taken any of the following actions on supporting food systems transformation?

- Assessment of financing gaps and needs for food systems
- Set up of financing strategy or mechanisms to mobilize public or private financial resources
- Setting up or strengthening food systems governance mechanisms
- Strengthening the availability, collection and use of relevant, quality data
- Facilitating access to knowledge, science, evidence and technology
- Setting up accountability mechanisms
- Other (please describe)

**2.3** Do you have an estimate of the financial resources your country has allocated, received, or donated for food systems transformation over the last 24 months?

**2.3.A** Domestic Public funds allocated to food system related activities:

Amount: Click or tap here to enter text. Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.

**2.3.B** Domestic Private funds allocated to food system related activities:

Amount: Click or tap here to enter text. Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.

**2.3.C** International Public funds received (e.g. ODA, Multilateral Donors etc.):

Amount: Click or tap here to enter text. Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.

**2.3.D** International Private funds received (e.g. FDI, Private foundations etc.):

Amount: Click or tap here to enter text. Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.

**2.3.E** Funds donated to other countries or international organizations:

Amount: Click or tap here to enter text. Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.

### 3. Engagement with the Ecosystem of Support

**3.1** Have you engaged with any of the following actors at national level in designing and implementing food systems transformation?

- Academic institutions
- Private sector and/or business networks
- Food producers' networks
- Indigenous Peoples groups
- Women organizations
- Youth networks
- Other (please list)

**3.2** Have you received any support on designing and implementing food systems transformation from, or collaborate with, any of the following entities?

- United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes
  - With Country Offices
  - With HQ Offices
- Other international organizations and/or regional integration institutions and initiatives
- International financial institutions (global, regional)
- International non-governmental organizations
- Coalitions of Action emerged from the UN Food Systems Summit
- Global or regional private sector and/or business associations
- Global or regional food producer associations
- Global or regional Indigenous Peoples networks
- Global or regional women networks
- Global or regional youth networks
- Other (please list)

**3.3** Please provide details on the specific entities mentioned above and how you have engaged with them. (Maximum 200 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

#### 4. Knowledge sharing

4.1 What kind of support have you received, or do you expect from the scientific and academic community? (Maximum 100 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

4.2 What key messages and outputs from the Stocktaking Moment are you hoping to bring back home to support your national food systems transformation efforts? (Maximum 100 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

4.3 Do you have any best practices on food systems transformation/change that your country would like to share with others?

*(If yes, please fill in and submit the separate template. Do not include any inputs here).*

#### 5. Onwards and upwards! Looking forward, towards the Stocktaking Moment 2025

5.1 Do you plan to initiate any of the following activities towards implementing food systems transformation/change in your country in the next two years?

Food systems transformation implementation process (including a new or revised Pathway)

Financing strategy/mechanisms for food systems transformation

Monitoring and evaluation plan on food systems transformation

Communication, awareness raising and advocacy on food systems

Capacity development on food systems

National stakeholder outreach and engagement activities

National dialogues to shape a national food systems transformation vision

Reformulation or mapping of existing national sectoral policies and legislative tools for greater coherence to support food systems transformation

Mainstreaming the national pathway in the national development plan or other national planning instrument

Other (please provide an overall title of the action and provide details in 5.2)

5.2 Please describe the priority steps foreseen in the next two years, to harvest and consolidate initial results, and present early evidence of national food systems transformations towards greater sustainability. (Maximum 200 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

#### 6. Other issues

6.1 Are there any other elements that you would like to share? (Maximum 200 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.