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FOOD ACTION ACCELERATES CLIMATE ACTION

Agrifood systems transformation to accelerate climate action and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals

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Global Situation Current Agrifood Systems

2023 Theme

Agrifood systems transformation accelerates climate action

Agrifood systems Challenges



735 million people still face hunger



80% of biodiversity loss on land and deforestation



1/3 of food lost or wasted



1/3 of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions



Hidden cost: \$12- \$17 trillion/year
(20% - environmental costs linked to deforestation and land use)



Up to 70% of freshwater usage

WORLD FOOD FORUM

- Founded in 2021
- Platform & global network of partners
- Sparking youth movement - for youth by youth
- Positive action for agrifood systems transformation
- Focus on implementation and youth engagement
- Facilitated and hosted by FAO



EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR A BETTER FOOD FUTURE

WFF Tracks



Youth Action & Policy



Culture



Innovation



Education



National Chapters and Localization

WFF 2023 flagship event

Oct 16 - 20 2023,
hybrid- from FAO HQ

6,000+ in-person attendees
65,000+ online visits
2.7B social media accounts reached



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**Agrifood Systems
Transformation
Accelerates Climate Action**

Attendees from
186 countries



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YOUTH ACTION AND POLICY

Connect and empower young people from around the globe to discuss innovative and actionable solutions to challenges in the agrifood sector to identify and advocate for local, regional and global policy priorities.

Independent bodies

Youth Policy Board

A group of young people appointed through a selective process, that governs the Youth Assembly, provide neutral standpoints to draft policy statements and positions based on the outcomes of **WFF Youth Assembly**.

Young Scientists Group

Network of young scientists to provide scientific knowledge and evidence to the initiatives of the WFF, and produce bi-annual report on the issues surrounding agrifood systems.

FAO Collaboration

Young Farmers

Engaging the youth networks and organizations in pillar 2 of the UN Decade of Family Farming.

Indigenous Youth

Global Indigenous Youth Caucus

Global Network of youth partners

WFF works with youth organizations, entities and constituencies to support and amplify its messages related to food and agriculture.

INNOVATION

Identify and support youth-led innovations and solutions to current agrifood systems challenges that have a potential for positive transformation of the sector.

Main
programming

**Transformative
Research
Challenge**
for academia

**Youth Food
Lab**
for entrepreneurs
and intrapreneurs

**Startup
Innovation
Awards**
for startups

Supporting
mechanisms

Innovation Masterclasses
Innovation knowhow and tools for youth innovators, researchers, and entrepreneurs

Innovation Partnerships
Joint competitions, events, and workshops empowering young innovators

UN Innovation
Developing internal and external innovation champions, giving youth innovators access to the UN innovation system

EDUCATION

Provide youth with the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to get into the workforce and actively shape agrifood systems in consideration of human and planetary health.

School Assembly

Educational pilot focusing on primary and secondary schools and their agrifood knowledge needs at an early age

Primary / Secondary
School-level

Youth Skills Hub

Online platform with tools, e-learning courses, career opportunities and networking platforms to boost youth interest and capacity in the agrifood sector

Students, young professionals

Masterclasses

Interactive learning experiences to share knowledge, information and experience that have the potential to empower youth to take action

Students, young professionals

Teachers' Labs

Provide educators with tools and discussion platforms to discuss agrifood-related educational strategies, including through insights from behavioural science

Educators / Teachers

YOUTH CULTURE

Engaging youth in agrifood systems-related activities through alternative, youth-sensitive ways of sense-making, including gastronomy, art, music and film.



Art



Film



Gastronomy



Music

LOCALIZATION

Enable and empower young people within local and regional contexts to devise and drive positive transformation of agrifood systems in their own environments.

WFF National Chapters

Localizing the global youth movement to accelerate local impact and change

- 12 active National Chapters
- Around 30 National Chapters in development
- Local policy dialogues, workshops for youth, agrifood systems initiatives, network development, and innovation projects, etc.

FAO Regional Youth Action

Leveraging FAO's regional offices to co-create country, regional & global actions that scale impact

- Network of FAO regional and country youth focal points
- Regional and country events and activities, led by local youth
- Link to National Pathways of UNFSS



YOUTH FOR A BETTER FOOD FUTURE

- For any sustainable solution or policy in the agrifood sector, meaningful engagement, co-leadership and investment in youth is critical!



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