



## TOKYO NUTRITION FOR GROWTH (N4G) SUMMIT & UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

The world is not on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or any of the six World Health Assembly global nutrition targets by 2025. We cannot correct this trajectory unless we systemically scale up investments and actions across food and agriculture, health, social protection, biodiversity, and natural resource management.

In 2019, the UN Secretary General announced the Decade of Action to discover sustainable solutions to the world's biggest challenges. The UN Food Systems Summit and the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit are working collaboratively to advance solutions across systems with a mutual recognition that malnutrition in all its forms is one of the biggest challenges we face to ensuring optimal health, resilience, and prosperity for all. To further highlight nutrition relevant moments, a "Nutrition for Growth Year of Action" was launched in December 2020.

The Food Systems Summit will highlight new actions to accelerate food systems transformation, *inter alia*, to improve nutrition and enable healthy diets from sustainable, resilient food systems. The Tokyo N4G Summit, under the leadership of the Government of Japan, will highlight actions to address drivers of malnutrition spanning health, food, and social protection systems. Building on previous N4G summits, it will also continue to strengthen a culture of accountability for commitments made to ensure action translates to impact.

Both summits have the potential to address the global hunger and malnutrition crisis that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. And both summits provide an opportunity for governments, civil society, UN Agencies, businesses, and others to set out ambitious commitments to address this challenge.

The Food Systems Summit will emphasize food systems-related commitments with actors invited to announce their commitments at either the Food Systems Summit pre-summit in July or the summit itself in September 2021. The Tokyo N4G Summit will welcome nutrition-related commitments – including those linked to food, health, and social protection systems – at a 'capstone' moment in December 2021 hosted by the Government of Japan.

## Delivering a United Vision for Food, Health, and Prosperity for All

In 2019, 690 million people in the world were affected by hunger, an increase of 10 million since 2018 and 60 million more than in 2014 (SOFI 2020). Adult obesity has nearly tripled since 1975 (WHO 2020), and people with obesity are at a greater risk of severe disease and death due to COVID-19.<sup>1</sup> About 44% of infants under 6 months of age are exclusively breastfed, and anaemia is currently affecting over one-third of all women of reproductive age. Healthy diets are unaffordable for more than 3 billion people worldwide. In addition, COVID-19 threatens to undo a decade of progress and has put our health and food systems to the test. Without timely action, an additional 9.3 million children will suffer the life-threatening consequences of wasting and 2.6 million children will be stunted. These impacts augment an already high burden of stunting and wasting (149 million and 45 million children under five, respectively).<sup>2</sup>

The food system touches every single priority across the health and development agenda. Investing in good nutrition is key to economic and social development, and to reducing inequality and eliminating poverty. Unhealthy diets are one of the world's leading risk factors for disease and death, now responsible for 20% of premature mortality worldwide. Nearly half of all deaths in children under age 5 are attributable to undernutrition, and it will be impossible to end preventable child deaths or reach the SDG targets without improving nutrition for women and girls.<sup>3</sup>

In the last decade, one of the largest shifts in nutrition has been the recognition that reducing malnutrition in all its forms requires multi-sectoral action. Agriculture's role in delivering healthy, affordable diets has become increasingly clear.<sup>4</sup> It is also crucial to look at a food systems' approach, realigning all activities related to food production, supply, processing, safety, marketing, market access and consumption to ensure improved nutrition and access to affordable healthy diets. Achieving the SDGs will involve implementing policies to reshape incentives across the food chain.<sup>4</sup> Taken together, the UN Food Systems Summit and Nutrition for Growth present a unique opportunity to address both the immediate as well as underlying determinants of malnutrition.

**At this critical point, we all must work together to transform health, food, and social protection systems, while also taking into account the environment and context people are living in.** Together we can heighten global awareness, momentum, and action at this midway point toward delivering on the promise of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), and nine years within toward the SDGs.

## The Food Systems Summit, led by the UN Secretary General, is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure that food systems deliver on all goals of the 2030 Agenda for people, planet, and prosperity.

The Food Systems Summit brings together extended networks and communities to amplify engagement and commitments to action, strengthening the food system for all on a global level. It is working to engage people at all levels by holding [Food Systems Summit Dialogues](#) throughout the year, culminating in a pre-summit in 26-28 July in Rome and a summit on 23 September in New York.

**The Tokyo N4G Summit 2021 is a pledge summit and provides an opportunity to transform the way the world tackles the global challenge of malnutrition in all its forms.** Over the past decade, the Governments of the United Kingdom, Brazil, and Japan have worked to mobilize action on nutrition commitments under the N4G umbrella aligned to the Olympics and Paralympics. This year's summit, hosted by the government of Japan, will be held in December 2021 and focus on the following priorities and cross-cutting themes: making nutrition integral to universal health coverage (UHC); building food systems that promote healthy diets and nutrition; building greater resilience towards malnutrition in fragile and conflict-affected contexts; improving data collection and application; and financing critical nutrition activities.

<sup>1</sup> <https://immunityageing.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12979-020-00212-x>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/jme-2020-edition>

<sup>3</sup> GBD Diet Collaborators. Health effects of dietary risks in 195 countries, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017. *The Lancet*. May 2019. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)30041-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)30041-8)

<sup>4</sup> "Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems: Food Planet Health," EAT-Lancet Commission, August 13, 2019, [https://eatforum.org/content/uploads/2019/01/EAT-Lancet\\_Commission\\_Summary\\_Report.pdf](https://eatforum.org/content/uploads/2019/01/EAT-Lancet_Commission_Summary_Report.pdf)

## **Both summits seek wide and active engagement by governments, civil society, business, and donors; and focus on actions, solutions, and commitments.**

The Food Systems Summit and Tokyo N4G Summit Secretariat teams meet on a regular basis to ensure efforts are coordinated and complement each other.

**The two summits are aligned in their mission** to ensure that everyone, including the most vulnerable, have access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food by 2030, as called for by the SDGs.

The Food Systems Summit will accelerate efforts toward all 17 SDGs to deliver more sustainable, equitable, and healthier food systems that address the underlying causes of food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition.

Five areas of action have emerged through the process as the primary areas to accelerate action toward the 2030 Agenda. These are:

- Nourish all people
- Boost nature-based solutions
- Advance equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities
- Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stresses
- Support the means of implementation

The Tokyo N4G Summit aims to address the global hunger and malnutrition crisis by focusing on three core areas:

- Health: Making nutrition integral to universal health coverage (UHC)
- Food: Building food systems that promote healthy diets and nutrition
- Resilience: Addressing malnutrition effectively in fragile and conflict-affected contexts

The Tokyo N4G Summit also promotes two cross-cutting themes: data-driven accountability and securing new investment and driving innovation in nutrition financing. While recognizing food systems as an intervention area with important linkages to the Food Systems Summit, N4G also looks at the role of health and social protection systems as delivery platforms for nutrition interventions. It aims to make nutrition integral to UHC for sustainable development to be framed around the six pillars of health systems: health service delivery, health workforce, health financing, health information systems, access to essential medicines, and leadership and governance.

**The 2021 Food Systems Summit and the Tokyo N4G Summit are united by an ambitious goal to address all forms of malnutrition through multiple pathways.** The summits are critical to delivering a complementary set of nutrition commitments for action and to achieving the 17 SDGs. Most importantly, they both rely on the active participation of all actors to unite behind powerful solutions—including stronger policies, financing, and programs—that are urgently need right now to secure healthy, productive, and equitable lives for all. The shared goal of addressing malnutrition in all its forms needs to be supported by a comprehensive framework for accountability, in order to monitor nutrition commitments and how they translate into impact.

## Scopes of the Summits.

Scope	The Food Systems Summit	Tokyo N4G Summit
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A global multi-stakeholder Summit anchored in Member State leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Summit of interested commitment-making governments and partners.</li> </ul>
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerate progress toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to deliver a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier food system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transform health systems and food systems to deliver better health, nutrition, and diets for the most vulnerable and end malnutrition in all its forms.</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A focus on food systems with multiple outcomes centered around five objectives:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all</li> <li>Shift to sustainable consumption patterns</li> <li>Boost nature-positive production</li> <li>Advance equitable livelihoods</li> <li>Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks, and stress</li> </ol> </li> <li>There are four cross cutting levers of change: Finance, Innovation, Gender and Human Rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A focus on nutrition outcomes with five priorities including 3 core areas and 2 cross-cutting themes:               <p><b>Core Areas</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health: Making nutrition integral to Universal Health Coverage</li> <li>Diet: Building food systems that promote healthy diets and nutrition</li> <li>Resilience: Addressing malnutrition effectively in fragile and conflict-affected countries</li> </ol> <p><b>Cross-cutting themes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data: Promoting data-driven accountability</li> <li>Financing: Securing new investment and innovation in nutrition financing</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN Secretary General, with leadership from member states and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of Japan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries).</li> </ul>
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary-General Statement of Action.</li> <li>Country-led commitments and individual commitments to action from all stakeholders through National Pathways and 52 solution clusters.</li> <li>Multi-stakeholder coalitions of action launched that are centered around game-changing solutions.</li> <li>Elevated discourse on improving food systems at the center of achieving the SDGs.</li> <li>Follow up and review mechanisms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A compact focused on policy actions and financial commitments.</li> <li>Individual commitments and actions from all stakeholders (e.g. resilience).</li> <li>A commitment guide is now available <a href="#">here</a>, with the following four key criteria:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound);</li> <li>Align with national priorities;</li> <li>Align with the N4G Principles for Engagement;</li> <li>Align with the Nutrition Accountability Framework.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

## Scopes of the Summits. *(continued)*

Scope	The Food Systems Summit	Tokyo N4G Summit
Key Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A people’s summit that seeks to engage people from all walks of life as food means something to everyone and we all need to do our part. A digital <a href="#">Food Systems Community</a> platform and Food Systems Hero platform have been created to engage anyone, anywhere.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted toward policy makers, donors, private sector, civil society, and the global nutrition community.</li> </ul>
Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory committee meets quarterly.</li> <li>• Monthly catch ups between the Secretariats.</li> <li>• GoJ has been invited to propose a Champion in the Champions Network.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Group meets regularly.</li> <li>• Monthly catch ups between the Secretariats.</li> <li>• The Japanese Minister of Agriculture is the focal point for the Food Systems Summit, and Japan is in the Food Systems Summit Action Track 2, 3, 4, and 5.</li> <li>• Members of the Advisory Group play different formal roles in the Food Systems Summit process.</li> </ul>
Process of Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A system of follow up and review is to be established.</li> <li>• A <a href="#">commitment registry</a> has been created to capture collective and institutional commitments.</li> <li>• Principles of Engagement designed to inspire stakeholders to adopt the right spirit in their engagement in the summit.</li> <li>• National Pathways.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Nutrition Accountability Framework</a> managed by the Global Nutrition Report (GNR) designed to record all new commitments on nutrition and monitor their impact, and set out requirements for SMART commitment formulation (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound).</li> <li>• The Access to Nutrition Index (ATNI) to verify compliance of breast milk substitute manufacturers.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Principles of Engagement</a> designed to mobilize stakeholders behind a shared vision, and set out requirements for Summit participation and commitment making.</li> </ul>
Key Summit events and format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-day ministerial-level Pre-Summit (including multi-stakeholders) in Rome the week of July 26 where all work streams are finalized, and initial commitments are made to set the vision and tone leading to the Summit. Hosted with H.E. PM of Italy and 4-5 other Heads of State expected.</li> <li>• A head of state level Summit during September 23 in New York in conjunction with the UN General Assembly to announce commitments.</li> <li>• Final format to be determined but will be mainly digital to include all countries in the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 2-day high-level event in 7-8 December.</li> <li>• Final format to be determined but to have a commitment pledging session and several technical panel sessions on the key themes with different stakeholders</li> </ul>
Key Milestones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reach millions of people</li> <li>2. Mobilize action across <a href="#">five key objectives</a></li> <li>3. Change the narrative on food</li> <li>4. Ministerial-level Pre-Summit, 26-28 July 2021, Rome</li> <li>5. Summit, 23 September 2021, New York</li> <li>6. Establish the follow up and review mechanism</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 2020 N4G Year of Action Launch Event was hosted by the government of Bangladesh and Canada.</li> <li>• Food System Summit, 23 September 2021, New York</li> <li>• Nutrition for Growth Summit 7-8 December 2021, Tokyo</li> </ul>