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Catalyzing the sustainable and inclusive transformation of food systems: PERSPECTIVES

The use of the assessment's results:

- It takes time to adopt a **multidimensional** (and **territorial**) perspective and develop an (initial) understanding on how the food system 'works', and increase overall **food systems literacy**
- It's not so much about generating new knowledge but rather about **uncovering linkages** between system dimensions & components and revealing **FS dynamics** and **subnational heterogeneities** (including eventual disparities)
- The process '*per se*' is important: **bringing together** decision makers, stakeholders, civil society actors, development partners to **trigger a dialogue on FS challenges and perspectives**,
- Government **engagement is key** (mobilizing force + ownership) as well as the EU/ FAO/CIRAD to facilitate the process and deal with trade-offs in terms of approach and expectations.



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The use of the assessment's results:

Achieve a common **understanding** on **key FS challenges** and **systemic levers** in 50+ countries:

- Close participation and contribution of key policy decision makers and stakeholders to the assessment of **four core FS dimensions**,
- **Shared sets of evidences** and validation of key food system challenges,
- Food system briefs identifying **leverage points and priority intervention areas** (for 8 countries also at subnational level),

Deepen **partnerships at country level on food systems transformation** :

- demonstrate the value and usefulness of an analytical approach that **couples food systems analysis with a territorial perspective**, in order to..
- **guide stakeholder conversations** while complementing the UNFSS dialogues on food system
- **broaden communication** about FS challenges and the need for **systemic transformation**

Perspectives:

- Effective programme development will likely require **additional analysis of key sustainability questions** (ex. interactions between (sub)sectoral & territorial dimensions, ..) and support the **co-creation of a shared vision** about the **transition** (multidimensional and territorial)
- Post-summit, **analytical insights** will feed into the development of **policy, capacity development and investment agendas**:
 - **Capacity development** to formulate strategies for **more and better investment decisions** and develop **strategic partnerships** (between national governments, financing institutions (IFIs), private sector, civil society organizations and producer organizations)
 - **Investment policy support** to create an environment favorable to **public and responsible private investments** (for example, into specific food chain links or territorial food systems)
 - **Investment programme support** to facilitate the design and implementation of **public investment operations** supporting the **transition** to sustainable and inclusive food systems
- Timeline :
 - **2021** ; completing assessments in 50+ countries (support to EU programming), capitalization for pre-summit (end July) and summit (Sept)
 - **2021-22**; on demand support for programme development (e.g. annual action programmes)
 - **2022-27**; scaling-up of capacity development, policy and programme support for sustainable and inclusive transformation



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... the initiative is one of the first steps in a longer journey towards the sustainable and inclusive transformation of FSs ..



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