Vice-Chancellors’ Forum Consultations on the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 Dialogue

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Rationale for UN Food Systems Summit

• Delivering SDGs cannot happen without ending hunger and malnutrition and without having sustainable and resilient, climate-compatible agriculture and food systems.

• Interventions must be people-centered and based on human rights and social justice (Inclusivity in actions critical for delivery of interventions).

• Source: UN Zero hunger Challenge
What the UN Food System aims to achieve?

• Launch new actions, solutions, and strategies to achieve healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems.

• Raise awareness and public discussion on reforming food systems to achieve the SDGs

• Develop principles to guide Governments and other stakeholders to leverage their food systems to support the SDGs (and Agenda 2063).

• Generate action towards the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development including issue a call for action at all levels of the food system.

• Create a system for follow up and ensure Summit outcomes drive new actions.

• Involves a series of dialogues leading to the UN Summit in October 2021
The Process to the Summit

Special Envoy

Secretariat
(knowledge/policy; constituency engagement; communications/advocacy; follow up and review mechanisms)

Scientific Group
Action Tracks
Champions Network
Food Systems Summit Dialogues
UN Task Force

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Levers of Change

1 – Member State Dialogues
2 – Global Dialogues
3 – Independent Dialogues
Five Action Tracks to Guide Consultations

1. Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all
   - Achieving Zero Hunger.
   - Increasing access to affordable, nutritious foods
   - Increasing food safety

2. Shifting to sustainable consumption patterns
   - Creating enabling Food environments
   - Shifting Food demand
   - Halving Food waste

3. Boosting nature-positive production at sufficient scale
   - Protect natural ecosystems
   - Manage sustainably existing food production systems
   - Restore and rehabilitate degraded ecosystems and soil function

4. Advancing equitable livelihoods and value distribution
   - Strengthening Agency
   - Inclusive Policies
   - Multi-dimensional Welfare and Access

5. Building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress
   - Economic resilience
   - Social resilience
   - Environmental resilience

Game changer Forms

- Policy
- Action
- Direct engagement
- Partnerships national to global
RUFORUM Roadmap to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021

• Encouraging African universities and other institutions to engage in national, regional, continental and global dialogue platforms

❖ Engaging Universities in Food Systems Dialogues among themselves and with other stakeholders

❖ Engaging in UN Food Systems Summit Dialogue
RUFORUM Roadmap to the UN Food Systems Summit Continued

• A global convening for Youth

• A global convening for Higher Education, Research and Agricultural Advisory Networks

• Engagement with policy and other key actors
  • African Governments Technical Experts
  • African Ministers and other Key Actors
  • Selected advocates for Africa’s development (including former leaders)
  • Heads of State and Governments Summit

• Issuance of the Africa’s universities Vice Chancellors’ Statement to the UN Food Systems Summit
Thank You!

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