

To the Permanent Representatives of the Rome based UN Agencies

As Co-Conveners of the Membership Informal Group of Friends for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 (GoFFSS) we would like to invite all RBA members to the upcoming next meetings of the GoFFSS on March 5 and 8 and to alert them already today with regard to further scheduled GoFFSS meetings in the course of March and April (Please save the dates). As usual in 2021 the meetings will be hosted by IFAD and held on a Zoom platform (the links for the meetings on March 5 and 8 please see below. The links for the other meetings will be shared closer to the respective later events).

Interpretation in all UN languages will be provided.

The upcoming GoFFSS meetings in March and April are the following ones:

1. *GoFFSS meeting on the cross-cutting levers of change (gender and human rights aspects, innovation and finance)*
 - a. *First segment on “gender and human rights aspects”:* Friday, 5 March, 14.30 - 17.30 Rome time, Zoom link:
<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpdOupqT4pGtFuNFd1rLbEHBij5ZOSyBNg>
 - b. *Second segment on “innovation and finance”:* Monday, 8 March, 12.30 - 14.30 Rome time, Zoom link:
<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduqvrzltE9JykanGzTZMCfv7HisSWJCR>
2. *GoFFSS meeting on the “Costs of ending hunger by 2030 and on the issue of true/hidden costs” with the Chair of the Science Group, Professor von Braun, and the FAO Chief Economist, Maximo Torero Cullen:* Wednesday, 17 March, 14.00 – 17.00 Rome time
3. *GoFFSS meeting with FSS Secretariat and Action Track Chairs on “Overview of possible framework of actions and game changing solutions (20-25)”:* Monday, 12 April, 14:00 – 17.00 Rome time
 - a. *Integrated solutions – Sustainable Consumption (AT 2 led):* Tuesday, 13 April, 12.30 – 14.00 Rome time
 - b. *Integrated solutions – Equitable Livelihoods (AT 4 led):* Tuesday, 13 April, 15.30 – 17.00 Rome time
 - c. *Integrated solutions – Access to safe and nutritious food (AT 1 led):* Wednesday, 14 April, 12.30 – 14.00 Rome time
 - d. *Integrated solutions – sustainable production (AT 3 led):* Thursday, 15 April, 15.00 - 16.30 Rome time
 - e. *Integrated solutions – resilience:* Friday, 16 April, 12.30 – 14.00 Rome time

Please note that regarding the scheduled **meetings on the framework of actions and game changing solutions (item 3 and lit. a to e) from 12 April to 16 April**, the first one on April 12 will offer an overview to the RBA membership on the envisaged five clusters, each of them comprising around 4-5 possible action frameworks respectively game changers. These

five clusters would then in more detail be presented individually in the subsequent five 90 minute slots dated 13 to 16 April. Specifically these slots will be used to present a set of cross-cutting game-changers resulting from an internal integration retreat between Action Tracks to be held in March. They do not fall under siloes, but will be regrouped according to thematic relation, with various former Action Track teams “shepherding” them. Given this more integrated format of the discussion the AT members are invited to listen in and to engage in the discussion with the RBA membership when other AT leads are going to present their respective cluster.

In accordance with the discussion we have had at our last GoFFSS meeting on 12 February and the preferences expressed by member states then, the next GoFFSS meetings after the above mentioned ones in March and April should be dedicated to the topics „Pre-Summit: procedural and substance aspects“, „Concrete summit outcomes and financing of their implementation“ and „post summit process and structures“. Invitations to these GoFFSS meetings will be shared in due time.

Sincerely Yours

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