



## Why is financing food systems transformation the latest global challenge?

**Time & date:** 15 February 2023, 13.45 to 14.45 (CET)

**Location:** Sheikh Zayed Centre

### Context

Food systems transformation is now among our most urgent global challenges. Without it, reaching climate targets and Agenda 2030 goals, in particular ending extreme poverty and hunger, will remain unattainable. Yet despite its huge importance to our collective future and well-being, few people really understand what food system transformation means and what it will take to achieve. Ask anyone on the street about climate change or the current food crisis and they will likely have an opinion. But ask them about food systems transformation and you are more likely to get a blank stare.

During the United Nations Food Systems Summit in September 2021, world leaders made the commitment to act with urgency to transform food systems by 2030. IFAD and the World Bank are co-leading the financing agenda for food systems transformation on the United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub. Is that mission possible given the current level of understanding and support?

### Inside the Food Systems Agenda - Connecting the Dots

Join IFAD, the World Bank and the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub for a 60-minute deep-dive into food systems transformation. During the session, we'll provide straight answers to some essential questions.

- What is the food systems transformation agenda about?
- Why are small-scale farmers central to the food systems transformation agenda?
- What are IFAD and the World Bank aiming to deliver as co-leads of the financing agenda for food systems transformation?



## Agenda

### **Going Back to the Basics of Food Systems Transformation**

What are food systems about? Are food systems a failure?

- Moderator: H el ene Papper, Director, Global Communications and Advocacy Division (IFAD)
- Koen Deconinck, Author of "Making Better Policies for Food Systems" (OECD report) (video message)

### **Financing Food Systems Transformation**

What are IFAD and the World Bank aiming to deliver as co-leads of the financing agenda for food systems transformation?

- Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD, and Chief of the Means of Implementation, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
- Christopher Brett, Lead Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank, and co-lead of financing agenda for food systems transformation (World Bank)
- Stefanos Fotiou, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals (FAO)

### **Open questions – Straight Answers**

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### **Takeaway – Inside Food Systems Transformation**

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