



FS-TIP

Food System Transformative Integrated Policy

Pre-Summit Affiliated Session Concept Note

An innovative approach to food systems diagnostics and food policy development and implementation in Africa

27 July 2021 | 13:30 - 14:20 CET (Rome time)



Background and Description

The Food System Transformative Integrated Policy (FS-TIP) initiative is a new effort that supports African governments demonstrating integrative leadership, political will, and commitment, in the development and implementation of an ambitious food systems policy agenda. FS-TIP has a long-term perspective, which leverages the momentum of the Food Systems Summit, but with its focus beyond, building a platform for transformation, policy development, capacity building, innovation, and investment.

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The first phase, currently nearing completion in Ghana, Malawi and Rwanda, focuses on conducting a landscaping and diagnostic analysis of the current state of local food systems, their key challenges and opportunities, main stakeholders, and policy gaps and opportunities.

The diagnostic analysis builds upon existing frameworks and draws on an innovative ‘user-centric’ approach. The analysis comprises both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the food system. The quantitative portion includes a set of supra-indicators for each Action Track and links those to leading and lagging indicators reflecting all components of food systems. The overall set of indicators provides a clear picture of the status of country’s food system against intended outcomes. A toolkit enabling other countries to conduct a similar analysis of their respective food systems will be made available in September.

Building on Phase 1, subsequent phases of FS-TIP will focus on integrated policy development and implementation. This will be done through an inclusive process engaging the full range of food systems actors, civil society and historically marginalized or excluded voices, such as women and youth – all leading to the iterative implementation of a food policy capable of delivering consistent access to high quality diets that promote human and planetary health, support child development, promote equitable development, and conserve biosphere resources.

Objectives of the Parallel Session

- Discuss the implications of the diagnostic analyses conducted in Rwanda, Malawi, and Ghana for policy development and implementation
- Explore the governance structures and stakeholder engagement processes required to build on synergies, negotiate trade-offs and empower the diverse voices of food systems stakeholders
- Build on ongoing discourse and dialogues on food systems transformation in Africa to spark insights on the role of policy in that transformation beyond the Summit

Key Questions

- What are the key insights from the diagnostic analyses from Rwanda, Malawi, and Ghana?
- What are the implications for policy development and implementation?
- How can we build on existing governance structures as we move towards food system transformation? How important is it to establish new structures such as transformation agencies?
- How can we ensure inclusivity in food systems policy development and implementation?
- How can the Summit and Dialogues momentum be harnessed beyond the Summit and beyond agricultural transformation?

Program			
	Time	Session	Speakers
1	10 mins	Welcome	Dr. Debisi Araba
		Introductory Remarks	
		FS-TIP presentation on diagnostic approach and key learnings	Ms. Jolien Paalman
2	30 mins	Panel Discussion on diagnostic implications, building on existing governance structures, and moving towards food system transformation	<i>To be confirmed</i>
3	5 min	Synthesis of panel discussion	Dr. Namukolo Covic
4	10 mins	Question & Answer	

