



## Third Sustainable Development Dialogue Series (SDDS)

“Unlocking resources for sustainable development: Follow-Up to the National Food Systems Summit Dialogues”

Friday 17 September 2021. 08:30hrs – 1pm. Hilton Hotel, Windhoek

### Objective

The SDDS, an initiative of UN Namibia, seeks to foster multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary exchange of knowledge and information on contemporary issues that influence the achievement of the SDGs.

### Background

As part of the Decade of Action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Secretary-General is convening a Food Systems Summit to accelerate action and establish the future direction for sustainable food systems. In preparation for the Summit – scheduled for September this year; each Member State is invited by the United Nations Deputy Secretary General (DSG) to conduct National Food Systems Summit Dialogues from November 2020 to September 2021. The overall objective of the Food Systems Summit is to launch bold new actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable and equitable food systems.

The National Dialogues aim to shape the national pathways to sustainable food systems and express the commitment to support the pathways from a broad range of stakeholders. They provide opportunities for stakeholders to engage in preparations for the Summit through structured interactions. The Member States’ Food Systems Summit dialogues are developed under the auspices of a National Convenor.

In Namibia, the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform was nominated to play this role by coordinating the Dialogues process. Additionally, two committees (National Task Team and the Technical Task Force) were established to drive the process of national dialogues.

The National Dialogues that lead up to the Summit aim to build awareness, participation and collaboration for every actor in the food system to transform national production, consumption and perception on food. It is therefore a summit for everyone, everywhere – a people’s summit. The focus is on solutions and practical action.

The National Dialogues will not only collect ideas and suggestions, but should also lead up to a set of concrete commitments and actions from as broad a range of stakeholders as possible; for example - key players in science, business, policy, healthcare and academia, farmers, indigenous groups, youth organizations, consumer groups, environmental activists, and other key stakeholders.



The Summit requires these key actors to meet and propose tangible, positive changes to the food systems, learning from their respective experiences and success stories.

*All the SDGs are linked to Food resource base of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, water: Sustainable Food Systems. The UN in Namibia is providing support to the process, under the leadership of FAO and WFP.*

### **Participants**

The participants will comprise Senior Government Officials, Senior UN Officials, Senior Officials of International Financial Institutions, Private Sector, Academia and CSOs.

### **Format**

The Dialogue will be a hybrid, physically in Windhoek and virtually via zoom.

### **Expected Outcome**

This Third Dialogue of UN Namibia's SDDS follows-up on the National Dialogues, mobilizing support for strengthening the Food System in Namibia, during this Decade of Action for the SDGs, hence the sub-theme for this Dialogue : ***“Unlocking resources for Sustainable Development.”***

The meeting presents an opportunity for the IFIs to provide detailed information about support to Namibia, initiate discussions for collaboration, and confirm key areas of collaboration.

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## Programme

**Moderator:** H.E. Ms. Farayi Zimudzi, FAO Representative & Chair of the Economic Progression Pillar of the UNPAF (2019 - 2023)

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
09:00 - 09:10	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> H.E. Mr. Sen Pang UN Resident Coordinator, UN Namibia
	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Ms. Wilhencia /Uiras Executive Director, National Planning Commission
09:10 - 09:20	<b>UN Engagement in Namibia: The UNPAF</b> H.E. Mr. Charles Sagoe-Moses, WHO Representative Chair of the Programme Management Team (PMT), UN Namibia
09:20 – 09:40	<b>Key Messages Emerging from the Namibia National Food Systems Summit Dialogues</b> Mr. Elvis Odede Head of Programmes, World Food Programme
09:40 - 10:10	<b>African Development Bank’s Financing &amp; Technical Assistance Instruments for Namibia</b> Mr. Kennedy Mbekeani Deputy Director General, African Development Bank Group
10:10: - 10:40	<b>World Bank’s Financing &amp; Technical Assistance Instruments for Namibia</b> Ms. Marie Francoise Marie-Nelly Country Director, AECSI- The World Bank
10:40 - 11:00	<b>IFAD’s Financing &amp; Technical Assistance Instruments for Namibia</b> Mr. Philipp Baumgartner IFAD Country Director for Namibia
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Modalities for Multistakeholder Collaboration Leveraging the Government of the Republic of Namibia, the UN, AfDB and the WB</b>
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Discussion</b>
12:00 - 12:10	<b>Wrap-up and Closing</b> Mr. Percy Misika Executive Director, Ministry of Agriculture Water and Land Reform
12: 10	<b>Refreshments</b>

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