

## INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

# JUST TRANSITION in LIVELIHOODS for RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Food systems around the globe are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which are set to become more frequent and intense over the coming decades. Crop cultivation, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, as well as related sectors such as forestry are heavily affected by changes in weather patterns, extreme weather events, and slow-onset processes such as sea level rise, soil degradation, and loss of ecosystem services.

Building on findings from previous events such as SLYCAN Trust's 2020 Food Systems Summit and Virtual Summit on Just Transition, this Dialogue will explore several key questions. How can food systems be part of climate action and become more resilient while protecting livelihoods and social cohesion? What are the existing initiatives, mechanisms, policy processes, and opportunities for synergies regarding just transition? How can a just

recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic be integrated with a just transition to more climate-friendly and equitable food systems? What examples and lessons can be replicated to address just transition in food systems at national and global level?

Climate change exacerbates existing social and economic vulnerabilities in food producers, communities, and supply and value chains. A just transition will be vital to enable more resilient development and help protect lives, livelihoods, businesses, public finances, and infrastructure. Just transition should be embedded into national and global policy frameworks related to climate change and sustainable development, including the Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement, National Adaptation Plans, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

This Independent Dialogue aims to achieve the following main objectives:

- Identify through an inclusive and participatory process solutions to be introduced under Action Track 4 and its three action areas, in particular related to just transition and building equitable and inclusive resilience in food systems.
- Gain further input on the roles of different stakeholders and multi-actor partnerships including government, private sector, civil society, and local communities.
- Build on the technical capacity of key stakeholders working on the topic of adaptation and mitigation, just transition, and food system resilience.
- Identify entry points for integrating context-specific and holistic just transition approaches into national and international policies, plans, and processes and existing infrastructure.
- Highlight and further explore the role of Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, other relevant processes and mechanisms under the UNFCCC, and the SDGs.
- Integration of resilience-building and social protection among youth and women and the inclusion of gender and youth empowerment in planning and policy processes.
- Discuss implications of human mobility and informal employment for just transition in food systems.
- Connect just transition to just recovery from COVID-19, and resilience-building in food system livelihoods.
- Share knowledge, experiences, best practices, and lessons learned.

The Dialogue will bring together stakeholders to discuss challenges, opportunities, and potential synergies.

## 3. STRUCTURE

This independent dialogue will consist of keynote speeches, a moderated plenary discussion, and break-out group discussions. Additional inputs from the participants will be gathered through interactive tools such as Mentimeter and Miro boards.

The breakout groups will consist of a focused group for youth which will provide specific

solutions to the action areas of Action Track 4 through youth engagement.

Contributing speakers from leading national and international organisations will be featured to give expert presentations, share experience, and help lead the discussion.

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