



# SDC Agriculture & Food Security Network

## Invitation to participate in the SDC and Partner's Food Systems Dialogues



### Context

The year 2021 will be the biggest year in decades for agriculture and food security and its manifold **interfaces with the four thematic SDC priorities** for the 2021–24 period and its topics. In September, UN Secretary-General António Guterres will convene the **United Nations Food Systems Summit (FSS)** as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by **2030**.

So far, efforts to encourage rapid and joint actions that transform food systems have been hampered by deep disagreements among different stakeholders. That's why the secretariat of the Food Systems Summit has set up standardised **Food Systems Dialogues** as a preparation activity for the Summit. These multi-stakeholder dialogues aim to increase participation and contribute to a common understanding of priorities.

Contribute to an international consensus on the transformation of food systems!

### Dialogues in Switzerland

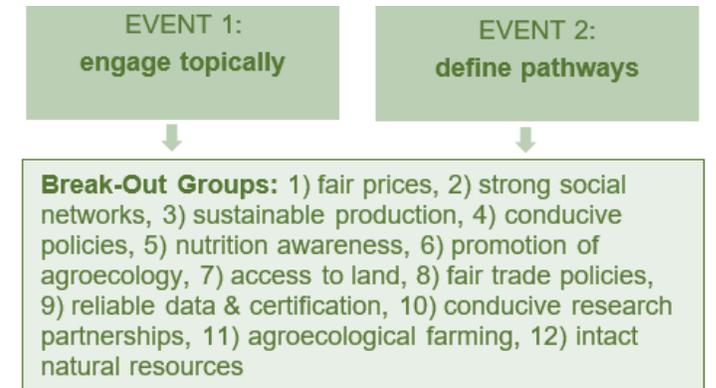
The Federal Office for Agriculture is in charge of organising the National Food Systems Dialogues in Switzerland. On the other hand, the **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** is involved in a broad range of activities in food systems in developing and transition countries as well as in emerging economies. It is therefore in a unique position to mobilise a broad range of potential dialogue **participants from all its many partner countries and organisations**. This is why SDC has decided to launch a series of independent Food Systems Dialogues via its Agriculture and Food Security (A&FS) Network.

### Dialogues set-up

The dialogues **in English, French and Spanish** foresee around **100-120 participants** representing all relevant stakeholder groups. Each event will last **2.5 hours** and will include thematic inputs and discussions in 12 break-out groups of maximally 10 people, to discuss **visions** on how food systems will function in 2030. These **ambitious projections of the future** will provoke the participants to think beyond the current situation and to imagine something that is altogether better.

### How the dialogues will take place

The dialogues will take place in 2 sequential events, and participants are expected to join both.



### Dates, languages and platform

**English:** 27 April & 18 May, 8:30 – 11:00am CET  
**French:** 4 May & 1 June, 1:30 – 4:00pm CET  
**Spanish:** 11 May & 8 June, 3:00 – 5:30pm CET  
All events will take place in Zoom.

The dialogues will feed into the  Food Systems Summit 2021

# You

If you are food systems stakeholder related to a programme (co-) funded by Switzerland, and are **able to communicate complex issues concisely**, then you are encouraged to apply, especially if you are any of these:

## Program related actors

- decision-makers from local and national governments
- civil society groups, incl. farmer or consumer organisations
- small and large-scale food producers and processors
- businesses
- researchers

## Other relevant stakeholders

- donors
- international organisations
- private sector
- academia
- NGOs

## SDC Staff

## Are you a member of a SDC thematic network?

Then you have an important role to play in the SDC Food Systems dialogues and in shaping a meaningful multi-stakeholder process. You can support the dialogues:

- as a liaison person to invite programme related actors and other relevant actors (see above)
- applying as a facilitator (moderator) or a note-taker of a break-out group (you may indicate this in the application form)
- by applying as participant



## Apply

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDC-FSD>

APPLICATION DEADLINE 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

Please note: due to limited places, GPFS/A+FS will make a selection of participants to ensure balance.



## Share with relevant people

Do you know programme related actors or other relevant stakeholders, who might be a relevant participant in these dialogues? Please forward this invitation to them!

Do you know a relevant person who might have difficulties to apply or connect to the dialogues? We highly encourage you to **accompany** this person to apply and participate and make a difference for a meaningful dialogue!

More details at:

<https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Agriculture-and-Food-Security/news/Pages/SDC-Food-Systems-Dialogues.aspx>