

Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit, 2021

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In news- The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare virtually delivered the Ministerial Statement in the Pre-Summit of United Nations Food System Summit 2021 recently.

About the Pre-Summit-

- The three-day UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021 was **organized by the United Nations and the Government of Italy.**
- It **took place in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome** from 26-28 July.
- **The event aims** to deliver the latest evidence-based and scientific approaches to food systems transformation from around the world, launch a set of new commitments through coalitions of action and mobilize new financing and partnerships.
- It sets the stage for the culminating global event of the **UN Food Systems Summit to be held in New York, in September 2021.**
- **Participants:** Youth, farmers, indigenous peoples, civil society, researchers, private sector, policy leaders and ministers of agriculture, environment, health, nutrition and finance.
- It brings together diverse actors from around the world to **leverage the power of food systems to deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

About UN Food Systems Summit 2021-

- The UN Food Systems Summit proposes to launch bold new actions to transform the way the world produces and consumes food, as part of the Decade of Action to

achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

- The term “**food system**” refers to the **constellation of activities involved in producing, processing, transporting and consuming food.**
- The Summit will focus on levers and pathways to shape food systems nationally and globally to accelerate progress in the SDGs.
- The Summit will be guided by **five Action Tracks** that plan to bring together key players and draw on the expertise of actors from across the world’s food systems:
 1. Action Track 1: Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all
 2. Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
 3. Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production
 4. Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods
 5. Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress
- **The overall aim of the Summit** is to establish a platform for key policymakers, academia, business and civil society leaders to contribute to the sustainable and healthy transformation of our global food systems.

India’s first National level dialogue on the UN Food Systems Summit was conducted on 12 April, 2021. The National Dialogue was facilitated by the Inter departmental Group constituted by Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and the representatives from UN Agencies in Delhi.