



Participants Guide

World Food Forum flagship event 2025



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INTRO TO THE WORLD FOOD FORUM

What is the World Food Forum?

The World Food Forum (WFF) is an open and inclusive global platform established by the Youth Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 2021 to drive the transformation of agrifood systems through the power of youth, science and innovation, and investment. It brings together stakeholders of all ages and sectors to turn ideas into action, scale solutions and foster meaningful partnerships that accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What is the World Food Forum flagship event?

In 2025, the flagship event will be held from 10 to 17 October at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, and online.

This year's event marks a key milestone: FAO's 80th anniversary, commemorated through a week of global dialogue, knowledge exchange and solution-driven collaboration, all guided by the theme "[Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future](#)" and [FAO's four betters](#): better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.

Organized around three pillars, [Global Youth Action](#), [Science and Innovation Forum](#), and the [Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum](#), the 2025 WFF flagship event serves as a vibrant platform for bold ideas and inclusive partnerships. The event spans high-level dialogues, consultations, innovation labs, interactive pitching events, hackathons, matchmaking meetings, exhibitions and cultural showcases that spotlight the many ways people everywhere are shaping a better food future.

The week will also feature additional high-profile events, including the annual [World Food Day](#) events marking FAO's 80th anniversary and the official inauguration of the [Food and Agriculture Museum and Network](#) (MuNe), a vibrant, interactive space designed to bridge global food technologies and cultures by showcasing the traditions and innovations that shape agrifood systems. This will be complemented by the [FAO Global Exhibition: From Seeds to Foods](#), as well as special sessions as part of the annual edition of the Rome Water Dialogue, the Indigenous Peoples- Global-Hub, the South-South and Triangular Cooperation Ministerial Dialogue and the [High-level event on One Country One Priority Product initiative](#).

Whether you are looking to learn about this year's theme, share your knowledge and ideas with others, celebrate innovation or build meaningful connections, this global forum is your platform to engage, collaborate and take meaningful action.

Join us in driving real change across agrifood systems that sustain us, for a better future.

Global Youth Forum

At the core of the WFF is the [Global Youth Action Initiative](#), (Youth Initiative) which harnesses the passion and ingenuity of young people to advance inclusive food governance, drive youth-led innovation and promote sustainable solutions. Through a diverse set of thematic programmes-covering policy engagement, innovation, education, cultural expression and grassroots action-the initiative empowers youth with the skills, resources and platforms they need to lead transformative change at local, national and global levels.

In 2025, as FAO marks its 80th anniversary, the WFF Youth Initiative joins the global call to walk hand in hand towards a better food future, one rooted in solidarity, innovation and purpose.

This year's theme, **"Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future"**, is a celebration of partnerships and a commitment to act. It unites youth, farmers, researchers, policymakers, investors and communities across generations to transform our agrifood systems through the shared vision of the four betters: better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.

Youth Assembly

The [Youth Assembly](#) is a youth-led platform empowering young people to engage in policy discussions on agrifood systems challenges and opportunities. It provides a structured space for youth to systematically contribute to agrifood systems policy and governance processes, ensuring their voices influence local, regional and global decision-making.

The Youth Assembly is guided by the [WFF Youth Policy Board \(YPB\)](#), an annual cohort of young leaders who act as its steering body. The YPB sets strategic priorities, plans activities, defines discussion agendas and contributes to key outcome documents.

Representing diverse regions and backgrounds, YPB members shape youth policy positions and recommendations on critical agrifood issues. They also lead regional initiatives and advocate for youth voices at global policy fora. The Youth Assembly's regional work is designed to engage youth from different geographic regions in identifying, prioritizing and addressing challenges and opportunities in agrifood systems.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

Regional Youth Assembly sessions

Join the Youth Assembly regional roundtables for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East and North Africa, and North America on **14 and 15 October 2025**.

Be a part of the regional dialogues, follow the updates on the WFF Global Youth Action Plan 2025–2026 and learn how you can get involved.

Thematic Youth Assembly sessions

Join the Youth Assembly sessions on key [themes](#) – taking place from **14 to 16 October 2025**.

These sessions delve deeper into the youth priorities and perspectives collected so far, and include spaces for intergenerational experts to convene and discuss the roadmap leading to milestone intergovernmental processes.

These dialogues and roundtables bring together diverse stakeholders such as young farmers, young parliamentarians, civil society groups, Indigenous youth, academia, youth partners and national youth delegations to foster inclusive and diverse participation.

The Youth Assembly is not affiliated nor aligned with any political group or organization.

Youth Innovation Lab

The [Youth Innovation Lab](#) empowers young innovators by offering visibility, capacity development and funding opportunities to develop, elevate and scale high impact solutions that address agrifood systems challenges.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

Transformative Research Challenge

The Transformative Research Challenge (TRC) is a global competition that aims to engage university students and young researchers to develop high impact research proposals that will accelerate the transformation of our agrifood systems. The finals will be held on **14 October**.

Startup Innovation Awards

The Startup Innovation Awards (SIA) is a global startup competition showcases young innovators and entrepreneurs who are harnessing the power of technology to drive the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems. The finals will be held on **15 October**.

Youth Food Lab final event

The Youth Food Lab (YFL) is an incubator programme and global network for teams of young innovators, researchers and entrepreneurs to develop their idea-stage solutions into successful and impactful businesses. The finals will be held on **16 October**.

Youth Education

The [Youth Education](#) Programme provides learning, career opportunities and resources to enable young people to become agents of change for sustainable agrifood systems.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

Agrifood Leadership Education Programme showcase

The session will serve as a platform for showcasing the outcomes of Agrifood Leadership Education Programme participants' learning and leadership processes. They will present the results and lessons of the projects they put together and developed in their communities after completing a learning process focused on agrifood systems and leadership. The session also aims to inspire and mobilize other young people to take action, reinforcing the idea that meaningful transformation begins from the ground up. Join the event on **14 October**.

AgX Fair final showcase

The WFF AgX Fair showcases formal and non-formal education projects from educators and young people around the world. The goal is to recognize excellence and share good practices within agrifood systems education. This final event showcases projects from six exceptional agrifood systems education projects from Jordan, Nigeria, Philippines, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States. Join the event on **14 October**.

Educators Network

Educators are critical agents of change in the transformation of agrifood systems. By uniting global education communities under a shared vision, the WFF Global Teach Ag Network (GTAN) Community embodies a collective commitment to equip, connect, and empower educators to drive sustainable, inclusive and systems-oriented learning. This event aims to inspire educators demonstrating that when they are supported with the right tools, networks, and values, they can shape generations of learners who are not only informed about agrifood systems but can become active agents of change, to transform them.

During the WFF flagship event, this session will launch the WFF-GTAN Community, uniting global educators to transform agrifood systems through innovative teaching, collaboration and shared values. Participants will explore the community's vision, engage in co-creation, and be inspired to drive sustainable, inclusive and systems-oriented education worldwide. Join the session on **15 October**.

WFF Global School Assembly

The Global School Assembly will serve as a platform for dialogue where students will present their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges posed by agrifood systems in their local contexts. The aim is to create a space for sharing experiences and knowledge, not only among youth from different regions of Italy, but also across the globe and generations. This session will reinforce the role FAO plays in inspiring and supporting students to engage in agrifood systems transformations. Join the event on **17 October**.

Discovery Stations

Following the WFF Global School Assembly, students are invited to participate in fun and interactive educational stations throughout FAO headquarters, which will focus on a range of environmental and social topics such as energy, biodiversity, plastic pollution, climate change and nutrition. The Discovery Stations will engage, encourage and empower youth to adopt and promote sustainable behaviors. The Discovery Station will be an opportunity for FAO teams to interact directly with students and teachers on the CultivatED programme. Visit the stations on **17 October**.

Young Scientists Group - Talk to your laureates

With the launch of the third cohort of the WFF Young Scientists Group (YSG), members will take the main stage alongside internationally recognized laureates for a dynamic intergenerational dialogue on transforming agrifood systems through science, innovation in collaboration. The session will showcase their newly released research publications and feature engaging discussions among themselves and the audience. Join the event on **16 October**.

Youth Culture

The [Youth Culture](#) Programme inspires and empowers youth through film, art, music and gastronomy, enabling them to be catalysts for change in support of more sustainable agrifood systems.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

WFF Concert

The event will feature a line-up of young and talented performers from all over the world, showcasing their artistry throughout the week, all rooted in culture and heritage, highlighting how music and dance can inspire more sustainable agrifood systems. Stay tuned for this year's WFF anthem! Attend the concert on **13 October**.

The Fifth WFF Youth Film Festival

At the fifth annual WFF Youth Film Festival, we will announce the winners of the short film competition alongside engaging panel discussions featuring impactful filmmakers and members of the global filmmaking community, including experts and creators working on climate, biodiversity, rural transformation and young women in agrifood systems. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the directors and hear about their inspiring journeys. Attend the film festival on **15 October**.

Exhibitions and Cultural events

A series of exhibitions and cultural activities will take place throughout the week. These are designed to inspire and empower young people to lead agrifood systems transformation and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. Highlights include a global children's art exhibition from China showcasing sustainable development through children's perspectives and an exhibition by young artist Ali Elly developed with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) to highlight the role of aquaculture in the mediterranean and black sea region. Participants will also enjoy gastronomy events featuring young chefs and international culinary traditions that celebrate culture and inspire a more sustainable food future. Happening from **13 - 16 October**.

Local Youth Action

[Local Youth Action](#) mobilizes local youth-driven initiatives via national youth platforms at the country level (i.e. National Youth Chapters), catalyzing sustainable transformation in agrifood systems across local, regional and global contexts.

WFF National Youth Chapters

A [WFF National Youth Chapter](#) is a self-organized national youth agrifood platform aligned with the WFF's principles and mission and convened by a local network of partners in collaboration with FAO's decentralized office and government.

The Chapters break the fragmentation among youth-focused agrifood organizations and synergized youth efforts to catalyze context-specific positive impact and change in agrifood systems. Moreover, the Chapters provide an institutional structure for FAO's Decentralized Offices to implement and mainstream youth across FAO programmes.

Currently, the WFF has 25 established National Youth Chapters and at the 2025 WFF flagship event, it will welcome 38 more!

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

WFF National Youth Chapters: Launching youth platforms for local agrifood systems transformation

This mainstage event will celebrate the launch of new WFF National Youth Chapters, showcasing how youth-led action is driving community change through partnerships, sustainable practices and policy dialogue. The session will highlight the importance of coordination with governments, FAO offices and partners to scale youth action in agrifood systems. Join the event on **14 October**.

From potential to progress: FAO driving excellence in youth programme

This event showcases FAO's Decentralized Offices' youth programming, highlighting how Youth Focal Points drive local action for agrifood systems transformation. It will share best practices, youth-led stories, regional updates and institutional insights to inspire stronger intergenerational collaboration and youth engagement. Happening on **14 October**.

Seeds of change through collaborative efforts: Youth-led agrifood systems transformation across regions

This interregional mainstage event brings together all five FAO regions to spotlight youth-led action, mainly in rural areas. Featuring voices from across the globe, it highlights regional challenges, success stories and intergenerational collaboration, reinforcing the role of rural youth in driving agrifood systems transformation. Happening on **16 October**.

Youth at the forefront: Driving agrifood systems transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean

This high-level session will spotlight youth-led innovation in agrifood systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, featuring intergenerational dialogue with governments and the launch of new WFF National Youth Chapters. It will highlight inclusion, gender equality and policy engagement as drivers of transformative change, with another FAO region to be confirmed as co-host to enrich the discussion. Join the event on **16 October**.

Local youth, real impact: WFF National Youth Chapters leading inclusive agrifood systems change on the ground

This mainstage event will showcase how youth-led action translates policy into practice through local solutions, highlighting the impact of WFF National Chapters, inclusive platforms and multistakeholder partnerships in agrifood systems transformation. Join the event on **16 October**.

WFF Decentralized Forum events

The Decentralized Forum events create space for in-depth dialogue on this year's theme, "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future". Organized by FAO Decentralized Offices across regions, they bring forward local perspectives, best practices and youth-driven ideas to enrich global discussions on agrifood systems transformation. These events promote a locally led, youth-focused and integrated approach to building sustainable and equitable agrifood systems. Happening from **11 - 23 October**.

FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum

FAO's Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative Investment Forum provides a platform for governments to present investment cases— developed using HIH's innovative tools and methodologies – to a global audience of agrifood investors. These include the private sector, international and regional development banks, foundations and funds, as well as donors and other development partners.

The Forum offers the unique opportunity for one-on-one meetings between national authorities and investors, fostering impactful partnerships to drive sustainable investments for agrifood systems transformation at scale for the Sustainable Development Goals.

It also helps build momentum for concrete actions that governments, businesses, and the international community can take to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda — bridging the gap between countries' needs for public and private investment in underserved rural areas to scale up production, trade, and value chains, and private investors' appetite for opportunities and diversified returns.

During this year's WFF flagship event, the HIH Initiative Investment Forum will host presentations from 31 Member countries and six regional initiatives. These presentations include the latest evidence-based, targeted investment opportunities designed to unlock growth in rural economies, deliver measurable economic returns while supporting inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems.

FAO Science and Innovation Forum

Step into a transformative journey at the fourth edition of the FAO Science and Innovation Forum (SIF) 2025, where vision meets impact to accelerate the transformation of global agrifood systems. Organized by FAO Chief Scientist Stream, this four-day forum will convene scientists, innovators, policymakers, entrepreneurs and change-makers from across sectors and regions, uniting them around the power of science, innovation and partnerships to drive sustainable change.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

14 October | INSPIRE – Setting the vision legacy and leadership from the emerging future, leveraging multiple STI futures and paradigms for a better tomorrow

The first day will set the scene by highlighting the successes and challenges of cooperation in science, technology, and innovation (STI) for transforming agrifood systems towards sustainability and inclusivity. Keynotes and high-level discussions will explore plausible STI futures and how collaboration and new forms of cooperation can optimize outcomes.

15 - 16 October | SHARE AND ENGAGE – Building bridges between ecosystems and reinventing cooperation

These days will feature sharing sessions and deep dives into specific technical domains, showcasing how research systems and innovation ecosystems are becoming more inclusive, impactful and participatory. Participants will experience innovative forms of cooperation through matchmaking, mentoring, pitching for investors, hackathons, food lab workshops, participatory theatre and serious games. These sessions will illustrate how collaborative efforts can achieve better outcomes than working singularly.

17 October | LOOKING AHEAD - From seeds to systems, commitments and the paths forward

The final day will wrap up the main messages from the previous days and look forward to the next steps. It will provide a space for participants to reflect on the transformative power of partnerships and cooperation, and to commit to scaling innovation across regions.

A week-long innovation exhibition in the FAO Atrium

Running throughout the week in the Atrium, the SIF Exhibition will serve as a vibrant hub of discovery and inspiration. Showcasing cutting-edge global innovations, the exhibition will feature:

- Hands-on simulations for managing animal disease risks;
- Immersive demonstrations of vertical farming and regenerative agriculture;
- Interactive tastings of next-generation plant-based food technologies;
- Youth-led solutions addressing food security and climate resilience;
- Smart agri-machinery designed for smallholder farmers; and
- Pioneering research in biotechnology, environmental monitoring, Artificial Intelligence and digital agriculture.

Blending science, culture and entrepreneurship, the exhibition invites participants to explore, experiment and engage with groundbreaking ideas. It is designed to spark collaboration, ignite curiosity and catalyze action - reimagining the future of agrifood systems together.

Website: [FAO Science & Innovation Forum 2025](#)

View the programme: [SIF 2025 Programme | FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2025](#)

World Food Day

As FAO celebrates 80 years of commitment, the Organization reaffirms its dedication to working hand-in-hand with its Members and partners. The goal is unwavering: to deliver practical, sustainable solutions that address today's most pressing challenges and pave the way toward a food-secure world—for current and future generations.

Collective action across 150 countries is what makes World Food Day (WFD) one of the most celebrated days of the United Nations' calendar. World Food Day 2025, **16 October**, carries a special meaning as we mark FAO's 80th anniversary. Hundreds of events and outreach activities bring together governments, businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), the media and public.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

Launch of FAO's Food and Agriculture Museum and Network – FAO MuNe (16 October, 09:30 CEST)

The Food and Agriculture Museum and Network (FAO MuNe) will be inaugurated on the morning of 16 October at 9:30 in the Atrium, with distinguished guests in attendance. The Director-General of FAO, QU Dongyu, will open the museum together with the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella. FAO's host country has generously supported the realization of this new permanent educational experience, dedicated to food and agriculture, our connection to it and the Organization's mandate. Through digital installations, art, culture and knowledge-sharing, FAO MuNe will highlight how each of us is part of the global journey toward a food-secure future. This new initiative will welcome the public starting 20 October, available through organized group tours booked on the FAO MuNe website.

Global World Food Day Ceremony (16 October, 10:00 - 12:00 CEST)

This year's global ceremony will take place during the morning of 16 October at FAO headquarters, during the WFF flagship event. The Heads of the Rome-based UN agencies will be joined by keynote speakers with special messages from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV and the UN Secretary-General.

World Food Day talks: FoodS FutureS: Conversations for a Better World
(16 October, 14:00 - 17:00 CEST)

In the afternoon of 16 October, World Food Day talks: Food Futures: Conversations for a Better World - will take place. This fast-paced, four-part global talk series will spotlight the future of food and agriculture through the lens of FAO's Four Betters: better production, better nutrition, better environment, and better life. Each session will feature a dynamic mix of FAO's Core Leaders of the Four Betters with chefs, activists, policymakers, influencers and thought leaders — bridging grassroots ideas and global action.

Goodwill Ambassador Designation, Fatmata Binta (16 October, 17:00 - 17:30 CEST)

Acknowledging her visionary leadership in elevating Indigenous Peoples African ingredients and empowering women farmers through education and sustainable culinary innovation, Fatmata Binta will be designated as an FAO Regional Goodwill Ambassador for Africa by FAO Director-General QU Dongyu.

Presentation of the FAO Achievement Award (16 October, 17:30 - 18:00 CEST)

Recognising the outstanding performance of institutions that have created true impact in the efficient execution of programmes related to FAO's work.

Illuminating FAO's 80th Anniversary (16 October, 18:15 CEST)

Join us at sunset on 16 October for a powerful visual experience marking FAO's 80th anniversary. A lighting ceremony will illuminate the new FAO gardens and façade of FAO headquarters, delivering a global call to action. Following the lighting ceremony, the Food and Agriculture Museum and Network will open its doors to guests for an exclusive evening preview. The evening will conclude with a reception.

Junior World Food Day (17 October, 10:30 - 12:00 CEST)

Fuel Up! Junior World Food Day 2025 is calling all students ages 9–14. On 17 October, join an unforgettable celebration of food, sport, and creativity with celebrity chef Alessandro Borghese, actress Monique Coleman, players from the Italian Rugby Federation, and a line-up of youth activists, influencers and innovators.

Get ready for an interactive cooking show packed with stories, music, dance and rugby energy—designed to inspire healthy eating, reduce food waste, and more showing how together we can become #FoodHeroes and build a sustainable future.

Don't miss this special 80th anniversary edition of Junior World Food Day—where food meets fun, teamwork, and action for the planet!

FAO Global Exhibition: From Seeds to Foods

The **First FAO Global Exhibition: From Seeds to Foods** will open this year's World Food Forum.

Organized in collaboration with the City of Rome, the exhibition, the first of its kind held by FAO, will take place on **10 - 13 October in the park of Porta Capena**, next to FAO headquarters.

Part of FAO's 80th anniversary celebrations and themed "Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life – leaving no one behind", the exhibition will celebrate the journeys from seeds to foods along the value chains of crops, livestock, forestry, and fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

The exhibition will be open to the public and free of charge. It will be comprised of three themed sections plus a main stage:

Agricultural products of the world

More than 140 Members, from all six FAO global regions, will showcase their agricultural innovations and a global harvest of agricultural products, including many special agricultural products supported by the One Country One Priority Product initiative as well as products originating from Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).

Innovations in agrifood systems

From the world's largest seed vault to climate-smart varieties and breeds, satellite-powered insights, genetics and robotics – welcome to the high-tech present and future of agrifood systems.

Foods of the world

Here, food becomes an experience: chefs, producers and farmers from around the globe share their traditions through cooking, tasting and storytelling.

Main Stage

Dynamic programme of talks and workshops where experts from around the world – including farmers, innovators and storytellers – share their experiences.

So, step into immersive pavilions, experience interactive exhibits, see the technology that shapes what we eat and taste, celebrate and discover foods from around the world. Please join us.

Rome Water Dialogue

The annual Rome Water Dialogue provides a platform to advance cross-country and cross-sectoral collaboration on Integrated Water Resources Management, particularly by bringing together the water and agricultural sectors for concerted action.

The Rome Water Dialogue 2025 will gather leaders, practitioners, innovators and communities to showcase and celebrate innovative water solutions for resilient agriculture and food security. While past editions of the Rome Water Dialogue focused on raising awareness of the connection between water and agriculture, this 2025 edition – “Water for resilient agriculture and food security: the past, present and future” – moves from awareness to action, advancing impactful solutions for water management in achieving food security.

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

- **RWD: Impactful water solutions**

14 October 2025, from 9:00 to 12:00 (CEST), Green Room and online
Interpretation available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

- **RWD: High-level segment**

15 October 2025, from 14:00 to 17:00 (CEST), Plenary Hall and online
Interpretation available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

- **RWD at the Global Youth Action Forum: Youth Assembly session**

16 October 2025, 9:00–10:30 (CEST), Ethiopia Room and online

- **RWD at the Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems: The essential role of Indigenous Peoples’ water governance for food security**

16 October 2025, 10:30–12:00 (CEST), Indigenous Peoples’ Nomadic - Advocacy Tent

- **RWD at the Science and Innovation Forum: Innovations in agriculture, forestry and fisheries for integrated water resources management**

16 October 2025, 14:00–15:30 (CEST), Red Room and online
Interpretation available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

- **Exhibit on water**

From 13 to 17 October 2025, FAO Atrium

Website: www.fao.org/events/detail/rome-water-dialogue-2025

Indigenous Peoples - Global-Hub

The third in-person meeting of the Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems will take place from 13 to 17 October 2025 in the Indigenous Peoples Territory at FAO headquarters in Rome.

It will gather Indigenous leaders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts and scientists, governmental authorities, and partners to advance collective action in safeguarding Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems. The 2025 edition will review achievements since last year, consolidate the work of drafting committees, and set priorities for the year ahead.

Central to the meeting will be discussions on the Hub's contribution to the upcoming 2026 CFS High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) report on "Preserving, strengthening and promoting Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems and traditional practices for sustainable food systems".

WHAT NOT TO MISS:

- **Technical sessions of the Global-Hub** – Reviewing progress made by the drafting committees, exchanging knowledge, and jointly identifying objectives for the year ahead.
- **Launch of publications on Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems** – Presenting new evidence and knowledge products on Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems.

In addition, the Global-Hub will host joint sessions with other fora:

- **UNCCD Dialogue** – Linking Indigenous Peoples' knowledge systems and governance practices to land restoration and combating desertification.
- **Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum** – Highlighting opportunities for inclusive partnerships and investment in Indigenous Peoples' territories and food systems.
- **Science and Innovation Forum** – Showcasing Indigenous Peoples innovations, science, and food and knowledge systems as drivers of sustainable food systems.
- **Rome Water Dialogue** – Exploring the essential role of Indigenous Peoples' water governance for food security and resilience.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation Ministerial Dialogue

Over past decades, FAO has been at the forefront of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) – promoting strategic partnerships with key developing countries, mobilizing both technical expertise and financial resources, and facilitating the implementation of impactful projects that promote inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems. Through these efforts, FAO has played a crucial role in advancing global agricultural development and fostering resilient rural communities.

Since its inception, SSTC interventions have reached over 110 countries worldwide. Between 2012 and 2024, approximately 3 000 experts have been deployed, directly and indirectly benefiting over 2 million people. During this period, total investments in SSTC initiatives have amounted to approximately USD 550 million.

These projects have been pivotal in facilitating knowledge exchange, transfer of technical know-how, peer-to-peer learning, and policy dialogue at global, regional, national, and local levels.

As part of FAO's 80th anniversary celebrations, the **high-level event "South-South and Triangular Cooperation: A Catalyst for Agrifood System Transformation" scheduled on Wednesday, 15 October from 10:30 to 12:30 at the King Faisal Room**, will present a unique opportunity to take stock of FAO's impactful SSTC work, its contribution to the implementation of FAO Strategic Framework, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This event will enable Members to share their experiences, foster policy dialogue, and build consensus on how SSTC can be further leveraged to accelerate the transformation of agrifood systems. By convening key stakeholders, the event will reaffirm FAO's leadership in promoting SSTC as a critical tool for achieving global food security and sustainable agricultural development.

An **SSTC Exhibit** will also take place at the **FAO Atrium on 15 October** - all day. It will raise visibility of FAO's SSTC work, SSTC revamped Gateway platform and showcase successful SSTC projects, good practices/innovations and solutions exchanged at country and regional levels.

High-Level Event on the Implementation of the FAO One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) Initiative

One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) initiative is a FAO flagship global initiative that helps countries to focus on one strategic agricultural product and strengthen its entire value chain - from production to marketing while supporting sustainable agrifood systems and maximizing benefits for farmers and communities.

Since its launch in 2021, the OCOP initiative has gained global attention, with over 95 Member Nations committing to the sustainable development of 56 special agricultural products spanning crops, horticulture, livestock, forestry, and fisheries. Guided by FAO, the initiative has become a catalyst for innovation and a model for sustainable agrifood systems transformation, promoting the principle of producing **MORE with LESS – for the four betters** (better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life).

In celebration of FAO's 80th anniversary, this high-level event, scheduled on Wednesday, **15 October from 08:30 to 11:00** at the FAO Plenary will showcase the transformative impact of the OCOP initiative.

Join us at this event to learn how **18 demonstration countries** from different regions are leading the way in promoting these special agricultural products that nourish communities, empower farmers, and help protect our planet. Hear from high-level decision-makers, ministers, regional organizations, researchers, educators, and farmers, who will share perspectives, lessons learned, and strategies for scaling up OCOP's implementation.

This gathering will offer a unique opportunity to reinforce global commitment, strengthen dialogue, and foster new technical partnerships to accelerate the transition towards more resilient, inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems worldwide.

Please visit the event page with a detailed agenda [here](#).

Other useful information

Virtual Participation

For virtual participants, learn how to use the platform to attend the event [here](#).

In-person Participation

World Food Forum Mobile Application

To facilitate smooth navigation during the event and provide easy access to the agenda and other key information, participants are encouraged to download the **World Food Forum app**, available on both the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).

Arrival in Rome

Rome has two international airports: Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at Fiumicino, which is used by major airlines, and Ciampino Airport (CIA). Although both are located outside the city center, there are easy connection lines which you can take.

From the FCO Airport train station to the FAO building by train

The Leonardo Express is a non-stop train which costs 14 Euros and takes 30 minutes from FCO to Termini Station. From **Termini Station**, take the **Metro Line B** (direction Laurentina) for three stops and get off at **Circo Massimo**. You will see FAO right across the street.

Regional Trenitalia Services: From FCO you can also take a train **to Roma Ostiense Station** (any of the following final destinations work: Roma Tiburtina, Fara Sabina, Poggio Mirteto or Orte.) These trains stop at every station and cost 8 Euros. You will reach Roma Ostiense Station after a ride of approximately 28 minutes. Roma Ostiense Station is connected to the **Piramide** stop of Metro Line B. Take the Metro in the Rebibbia direction for one stop and get off at **Circo Massimo** (you will see the FAO building to your right as you come up the steps). Alternately, the walk to FAO from the station is about a 15–20-minute.

From FCO airport to the FAO building by taxi

A taxi from FCO to FAO or any other area within the historical Aurelian Walls should cost around 50 Euros (fixed rate for Taxis registered with the Municipality of Rome). Note: tariffs are 60 Euros if you take a taxi from the Municipality of Fiumicino.

Upon arriving at the FCO airport, make sure to follow the instructions at the arrival gates to reach the train station. FCO is bigger and usually busier than CIA, but the train station is located right across the street, connected with a skybridge from the arrivals area.

From CIA to the FAO building

You can take a shuttle bus from the Airport or ride Metro line A from Anagina to reach the Central Station (Termini). From there, take the Metro Line B (direction Laurentina) for three stops to Circo Massimo.

Tip: Anyone offering taxi services from inside the terminal is doing so illegally, and they may also charge higher prices. Make sure your taxi has a meter and insist on the metered fare rather than an arranged price (except for the fixed fare taxi from FCO to Rome).

Transportation in Rome

Roma Termini is Rome's biggest train station, and one of Europe's largest as well. Termini is not only the main railway station but the major transport interchange for Rome. **Trastevere** and **Ostiense** stations are secondary stations.

To reach the FAO headquarters from Termini, you can take **Metro line B** in the direction of Laurentina and get off at **Circo Massimo Station**. The FAO building is located right outside the station.

The metro runs approximately every 7–10 minutes from 05.30 until 23.30 from Sunday to Thursday, and until 01.30 on Fridays and Saturdays.

We advise you to use the Google Maps or Moovit apps to keep up with the working hours of public transport. Usually when the metro lines stop, substitute buses are made available, however they work at a much slower pace and we would not recommend relying on them. Make sure to keep an eye on the metro hours! In Rome, you can purchase different types of transport tickets and travel cards depending on the number of days of your stay in the city and on how often you plan on using public transportation.

Where to buy travel cards and tickets?

Public transportation tickets in Rome can be bought in vending machines in any metro station, convenience stores or newsagents. You may also use the Tap & Go service: you require a contactless credit, debit or prepaid card. Access to the metro lines is possible also with digital cards on near-field communication-enabled devices (smartphones, smartwatches etc.). Find all of the latest information [here](#).

- **One-way ticket (BIT) € 1.50:** The BIT ticket lasts 100 minutes since its first validation and allows for unlimited transfers between the metro, buses, trams and urban trains within stations. The ticket is no longer valid once you leave the station, even if it's in the 100 minutes of validity.
- **MULTIBIT - 10 single ride tickets € 15.00:** Valid for 10 trips of 100 minutes each from its first validation, for a single journey on a metro/train urban route. Once the first 100 minutes have run out, the ticket can be reactivated for an additional 100 minutes by validating it once again, and so on up to 10 reactivations.
- **MetroBus 24 hours - € 8.50:** This ticket allows unlimited public transportation from the moment the ticket is validated until midnight of the same day.
- **MetroBus 48 hours € 15.00:** The 48-hour ticket allows unlimited use of Rome's public transport for 48 hours from the time it is first used.
- **MetroBus 72 hours € 22.00:** This ticket allows unlimited use of public transport for 72 hours from the time it is used for the first time.

Arriving at the flagship venue

The WFF flagship event will take place at the FAO headquarters

Address: Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Roma RM – Italy

[Google Maps](#)

Collecting Your badge

FAO headquarters is centrally located in Rome, near the Circo Massimo metro station and within walking distance of the Colosseum. The easily recognizable white building is also accessible from Ostiense train station, which is about a 15–20-minute walk away.



Picture of the FAO building

All participants must collect their badge in order to attend the flagship event. Access to FAO headquarters will be through the **Visitors Entrance on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla**.

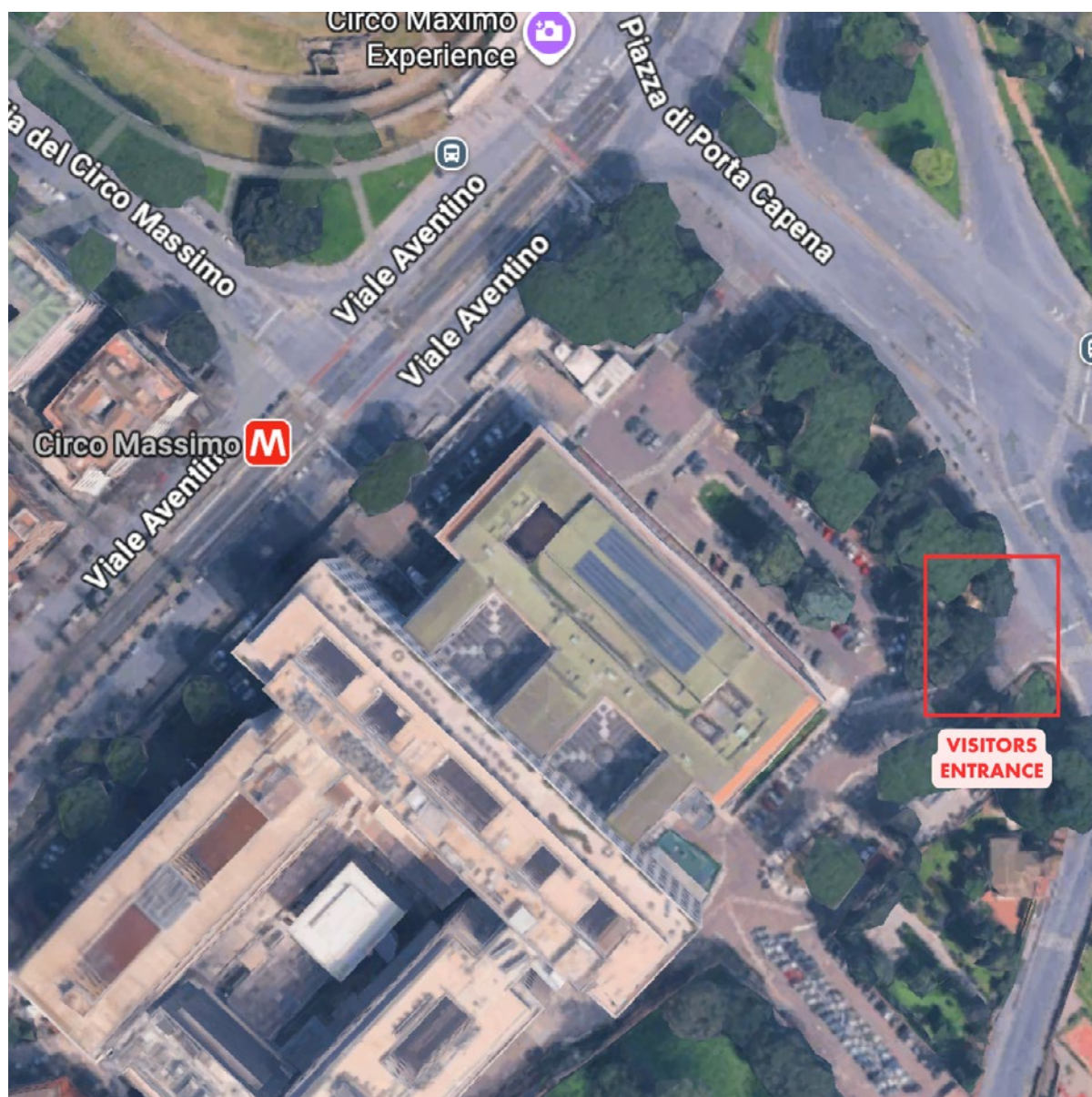
[Google Maps](#)

Follow the signs along **Viale Aventino** leading to the gate. The entrance area is marked in the picture below, along with an image of the gate itself.

Badges will be printed in real time at the entrance. To collect yours, please bring:

- a valid **passport or ID card**, and
- your **acceptance email**, which contains the QR code required for badge printing.

Please note: Without your badge, you will not be permitted on the premises. Make sure to keep it with you at all times during the event. To avoid delays, we recommend arriving at least **30 to 60 minutes** before the start of the session you wish to attend.



Picture of the FAO security booth map



Picture of the visitor's entrance

Wi-Fi Information for Participants:

All participants will have access to Wi-Fi within the FAO building. Here are the credentials:

Wi-Fi Name: FAO-Guest

Wi-Fi Password: FAOunited2024

Food at FAO

Within the FAO building there are three coffee shops, a cafeteria and a restaurant. These facilities only accept Euro currency, and you may pay with cash, credit or a debit card, including contactless cards.

- **Delegates Bar:** Coffee shop located on the ground floor of Building A. serves coffee, tea, drinks, cakes and sandwiches all day, with international food from different cuisines during lunch time. Open from 07.30 –17.00.
- **Uzbekistan Lounge:** Coffee shop located on the 8th floor of Building C. They serve an expanded selection of sandwiches, salads, pastries, yogurts, ice creams, fruit and beverages. Open from 08.00 –17.00.
- **Fountain Bar:** Coffee stand located on the 8th floor of Building B. Offers an assortment of coffee, teas, pastries, sandwiches, yogurts and beverages. Open from 08.00–16.00.
- **Eden Bar:** Located on the ground floor of Building D. Serves an assortment of sandwiches, pizza, fresh salads, hot and cold main dishes for lunch, beverages, yogurts, ice creams, fruits and coffee. Open from 07.30 –17.00.
- **Food Court:** Self-service option offering a variety of organic and international food choices located on the 8th floor of Building B – accessed through the lift next to the Kazakhstan room. They serve entrees, pasta, grilled meat or cheese, salads, desserts and drinks. Open from 11.45 – 14.30.
- **Restaurant Buffet:** Located on the 8th floor of Building C. They offer an open buffet food choice. Open 12.00 –14.30.
- Throughout the building you will find vending machines for coffee, tea and soft drinks. You will also find drinking water fountains – bring a reusable bottle!

Estimated prices:

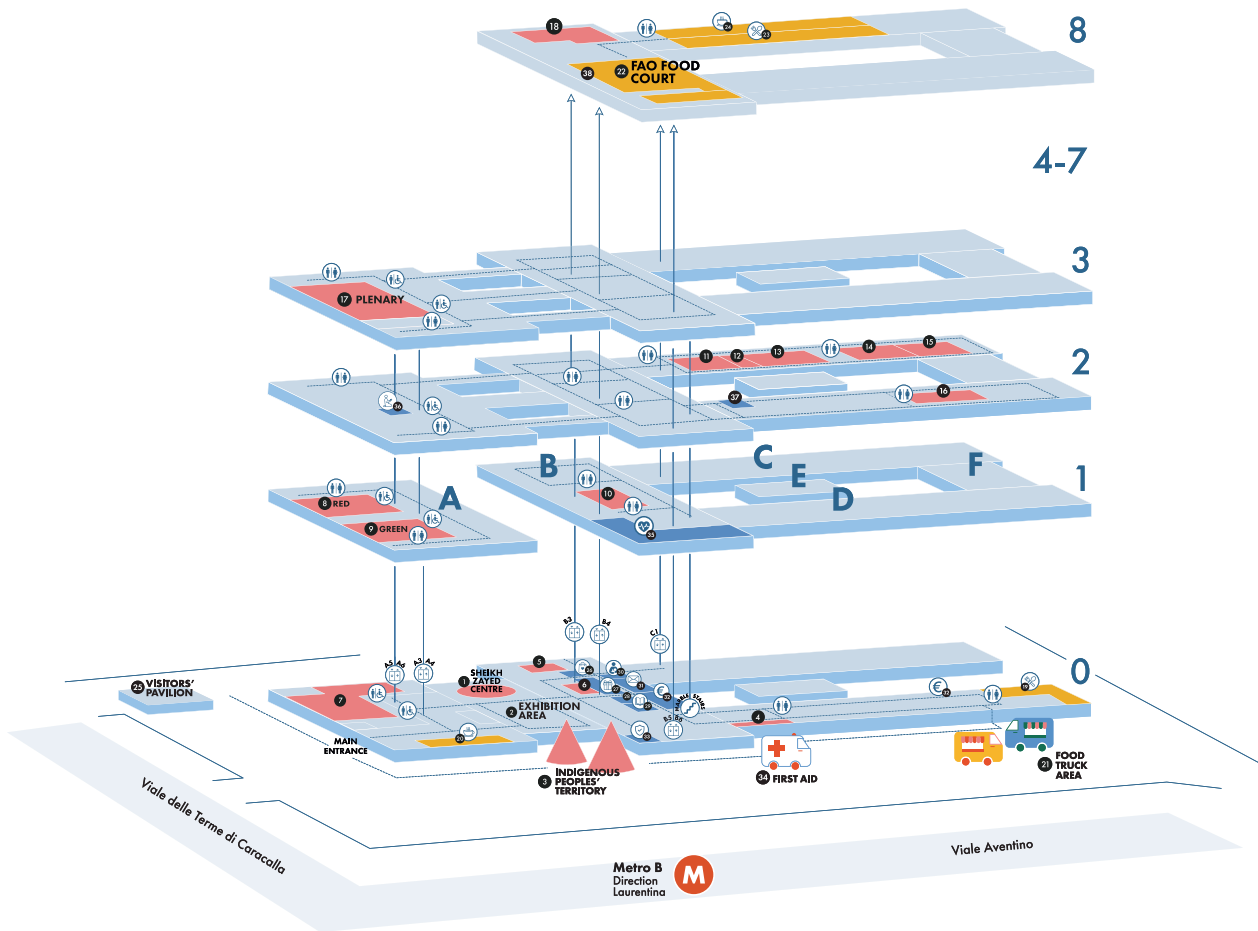
Coffee/Cappuccino – around 1.00 - 1.50 Euros

Sandwiches – from 1.80 to 4.00 Euros

Cold and hot meals – from 4.00 to 7.00 Euros

Restaurant Buffet – 12.00 Euros for all you can eat

Building Map



EVENT ROOMS

GROUND FLOOR	BLDG	ELEVATOR
1. Sheikh Zayed Centre Atrium	A	
2. Exhibition Area Atrium	A	
3. Indigenous Peoples' Territory	A	
4. Acceleration Zone D082	D	
5. Youth Networking Room	B	
6. Investors Lounge	B	
7. FAO Food and Agriculture Museum & Network	A	
1st FLOOR		
8. Green Room	A	A3-6
9. Red Room	A	A3-6
10. Iran Room B116bis	B	
2nd FLOOR		
11. Ethiopia Room C285	C	B3-6, C1
12. Nigeria Room C283	C	B3-6, C1
13. Philippines Room C279	C	B3-6, C1
14. German Room C229	C	B3-6, C1
15. Austria Room C250bis	C	B3-6, C1
16. King Faisal Room D223	D	B3-6, C1
3rd FLOOR		
17. Plenary Hall	A	A3-6
8th FLOOR		
18. Morocco Room	B	B3-6, C1

BLDG = Building

FOOD AND DRINK

GROUND FLOOR	BLDG	ELEVATOR
19. Eden Cafe	D	
20. Delegates Bar	A	
21. Food Truck Area	D	
8th FLOOR		
22. FAO Food Court	B	B3-6, C1
23. FAO Restaurant	C	B3-6, C1
24. Uzbekistan Lounge	C	B3-6, C1

SHOPS AND SERVICES

GROUND FLOOR	BLDG	ELEVATOR
25. Visitors' Pavilion	B	
26. UNWG Shop	B	
27. FAO Gift Shop	B	
28. Rest & Recharge	B	
29. FAO Book Shop	B	
30. Lactation Room	B	
31. Post Office	B	
32. Bank (ATM)	B,D	
33. Security Services Lost and Found	B	
34. First Aid	B,D	
1st FLOOR		
35. Medical Center	B	B3-6
36. Meditation Room	A	A3-6
2nd FLOOR		
37. Cash Office	D	B3-6
8th FLOOR		
38. FAO Terrace	B	B3-6, C1

Weather in Rome

The weather during this time of the year is changeable and you may find yourself not only in need of different outfits on different days but also reaching out for an extra layer at certain times of the day. Fall is a transition season in Rome and temperatures are usually in the mid-20s Celsius and rain is possible.

Essentials will be:

- Good walking shoes – opt for waterproof shoes that can take the occasional shower of rain and bring two pairs, should you get caught in one of Rome’s torrential downpours!
- A midseason jacket – A light jacket and/or a waterproof jacket.
- You usually do not need sandals or thermal layers in Rome in the autumn. Short sleeves, jeans or long trousers, a cardigan and a light jacket are usually all you need.

Other Useful Information

Be aware that the voltage of electricity in Italy and the rest of Europe is 220 volts.

Health Advisory to Participants

- Attendees will need to ensure that they are in a possession of a health insurance coverage policy valid in Italy to cover personal health requirement.
- In case of an emergency, for immediate medical attention, or to call an ambulance, dial 112 from any telephone in Italy.
- Participants should have enough stock of medications they are regularly using as these might not always be available in Italy.
- Participants travelling from countries with endemic diseases should have their vaccination cards ready with all required vaccines completed as this information might be necessary in cases of health emergencies.
- FAO emergency medical teams will be on stand-by in the building. Contact FAO Security or event focal points for assistance.
- If you do not feel well during the events (body fatigue and muscles pain, feeling of fever, sore throat, chills, cough, diarrhoea, headache or other signs or symptoms), kindly stay at your accommodation and call for assistance.
- Masks and hand sanitization stands can be found in various locations in the building, and participants are encouraged to use them to safeguard their safety and protect those around them.

Code of Conduct

To make sure everyone has feels safe and comfortable while participating at the WFF flagship event, it is important that we all follow a few key rules.

[The Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at FAO Events](#) is all about creating an inclusive and respectful environment where everyone feels comfortable and can participate fully.

This Code of Conduct applies not just during the main sessions and workshops, but also includes your behaviour outside of FAO premises, including social events, receptions and even when you are in your accommodation. We are all expected to treat each other with dignity and integrity and any kind of harassment—including sexual harassment—is strictly prohibited. By following these guidelines, you are helping to ensure that the event is a positive and welcoming experience for all of us and remember, if you ever see or experience something that is not right, you can report it to the designated email (find below).

Contact Information

For any issues or queries, please reach out to: WFF-enquiries@fao.org

We respond to queries related to WFF as well as providing logistical support on the ground.

WFF enquiries helpline: 06 570 55300

Working hours 07:00 to 19:00

