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PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN LAO PDR

Lao PDR, 9 November 2021

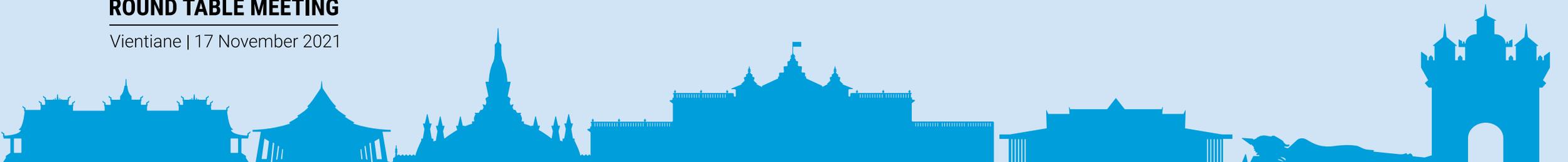


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Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems in Lao PDR

Report Launch, 9th November 2021

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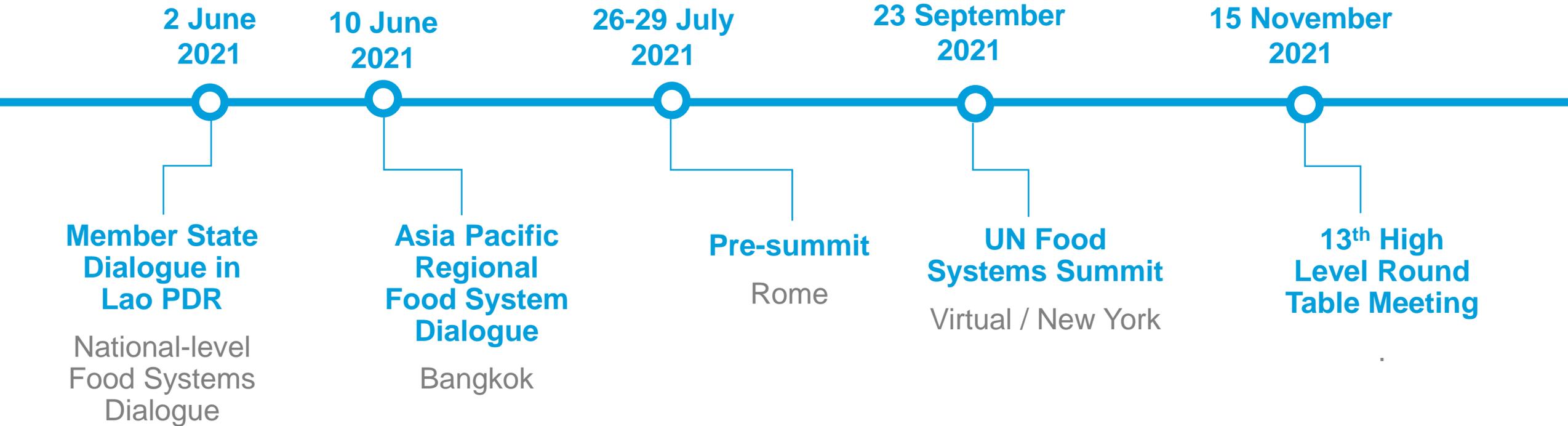
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Overview of the Food System Process



Timeline



Objectives of the Member State Dialogue

- To explore the food systems as a whole in the country, identifying **opportunities and challenges**.
- To **explore synergies** among different elements of food systems and **examining trade-offs** that influence the choice of food systems pathways.
- To discuss **linkages** among the four different aspects of food systems and potential for **collaborative action**.
- To **identify the practices and policies** that will have the greatest impact on the achievement of the desired future vision within the local food systems.

Four Action Tracks and Key Supporting Stakeholders



1. Ensure safe and nutritious food for all

MOH, MPI, WFP,
UNICEF



2. Boost nature positive production

MAF, FAO



3. Advance equitable livelihoods and equitable distribution

MAF, IFAD



4. Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

MAF, MOLSW,
UNEP, FAO

Across all action tracks as supporting actors: Ministries, civil society organisation, NGOs, private sector, academia, development partners, international organisations.



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NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021
Lao PDR, 2 June 2021



Participants 177

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2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

10 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

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Member State Dialogues at the regional and international level - Overview

- 900 Independent Dialogues, over 550 Member State Dialogues, and 11 Global Dialogues
- 93 National Pathways Reports were submitted by 22 September 2021
- More than 115,953 participants:
 - 9,000 youth, 3,000 farmers, fishers, pastoralists and producers
 - 3,000 SMEs in 137 countries
 - and 1,200 people from 218 Indigenous Peoples' organizations attended Dialogues

Asia Pacific Regional Summit

10 June in Bangkok, Thailand

Importance of regional cooperation

- Emphasis on Asia Pacific Region's importance for global food systems

Climate action

- Expansion of agro-ecological practices

Gender equality

- Tackling the vulnerabilities of women in agriculture
- Engaging women in policy-making
- Understanding the challenges that women face

Investment in strong social protection system

- Taking into consideration food security and nutritional needs of population

Regional collaboration on technology transfer

- Dissemination of new technologies through regional platforms
- Innovation



Pre-Summit

26-29 July in Rome, Italy

- Four levers of change: 1) Women's empowerment, 2) human rights, 3) finance and 4) innovation
- Joint statement on sustainable agricultural production
 - Small- and medium-sized farmers
 - Reduction of chemical pesticides
- Land tenure rights, the right of Indigenous Peoples and links between humanitarian and development sectors
- No '**one size fits all**' solution.
- H.E. Mr Thongphath Vongmany, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Lead National Convenor of the Food System Summit Dialogues addressed at the Pre-Summit

United Nations Food Systems Summit

23 September in New York / virtual

- UN General Assembly high-level week and convened by the Secretary General
- More than 150 countries participated
- Tackling issues such as global hunger, climate change and biodiversity loss
- Discussion of transformations to accelerate the SDGs, for instance:
 - Overnutrition and malnutrition (SDG 3)
 - Sustainably manage water resources (SDG 6)
 - Sustainable fisheries (SDG 14)
 - Sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12)
- Statement by H.E. Dr Phet Phomphiphak, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry



The Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems Report

The Report - Overview

Organized along four action tracks:

- Ensuring safe and nutritious food for all
- Boosting nature positive production
- Advance equitable livelihoods and value distribution
- Resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

Three key aspects of the Content along those four action tracks

- Challenges & opportunities
- Synergies & trade-offs
- Pathways & stakeholder commitments



SYNTHESIS REPORT

Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems

Food Systems Summit 2021: Member State Dialogues in Lao PDR



The Report - Preparatory Process

- Involvement of various types of partners per action track
- Consultations with national and international stakeholders at national and sectoral levels
- Updated after the Member States Dialogue
- Synthesising and consolidation of the four background into one report
- Formal launch as a side event leading up to the 13th High Level Round Table Meeting

Pathways Report – Synergies and Trade-offs

Synergies

- Synergy between the demand for safely sourced and nutritious food and demand for the reduction of pesticides and unsustainable food production techniques
- Increasing resilience to shocks and stress underpins all action tracks
- LNOB principles underline all action tracks- aiming for all members of society to have equitable access to resources, information, food and livelihood opportunities

Trade-offs

- Trade-off between economic development and public health, environment, social equity
- Potential trade-off between large agribusiness and access to land for small farmers, environmental issues of mega-projects, quality of jobs.
- Gender inequality

Pathways Report – Pathways and Commitments (1/2)

Safe and Nutritious Food

- Ensuring no one is left behind by supporting vulnerable groups in terms of knowledge, livelihood opportunities, access to affordable foods and specific policies e.g., social safety nets

Boosting Nature Positive Production

- Implementing GAP standards as minimum requirement across all food production systems
- Developing capacities of producers
- Investment



Pathways Report – Pathways and Commitments (2/2)

Advancing Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution

- Forming a coherent and coordinated multisectoral approach to food system transformation
- Address barriers to inclusive, equitable and livelihood development
- Close the gender gap by strengthening policies and practices that address constraints faced by rural women

Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stress

- Advocacy within ASEAN
- New Plan of Action for DRM and CCA in Agriculture
- Research and capacity building on resilient food system initiatives
- Weather Forecast Systems and Early Warning Systems



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Next Steps

Strategic entry to support the development of Country Action Plan - Sustainable Food Systems in Lao PDR

Outcome

Increased capacity of MAF in managing, coordinating and reporting on sustainable food systems in Laos

Outputs

1. Establishment of Core Group to support various activities of food systems
2. Creation of Country Action Plan – Pathways for Sustainable Food Systems
3. Development of Country Action Plan implementation arrangement (M&E, costing and financing)

Key elements to inform the development of the Country Action Plan

- 1. Ensuring safe and nutritious food for all**
- 2. Boosting nature-positive food production at sufficient scales**
- 3. Advancing equitable livelihoods and value distribution**
- 4. Building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stresses**

Key Activities (late 2021 and 2022)

1. Establishment of the core group will be created which will consist of

Leadership – MAF

Key ministries involved: MOH, MONRE, MPI, MOES, MOIC, MOPT, and MOLSW

UN support from all track leads

Timeframe – November – December 2021

Key actions – drafting TOR, getting approval from MAF leadership, kick-off meeting with key national and international partners to brief about roles and responsibility and issuing MAF instruction to key members.

2. Setting up a technical team which will support the work of core group members

Timeframe – December 2021- January 2022

Key actions – identifying technical team members (national consultant, FAO team, MAF staff, etc., recruitment, planning schedule of core group meeting linked to SWG work and others)

3. Series of consultations (national, sectoral and provincial level) to prepare action plan on pathways to suitable food systems in Lao PDR

Timeframe – February – May 2022

Key actions – consultations/interviews with national and international partners – all ministries, key provinces, DPs, private sector, CSO, academia and others.

Key Activities (late 2021 and 2022)

4. Preparation and finalization of National action plan

Timeframe – June - August 2022

Key actions – literature review, drafting, reviewing and validating

5. Launch of Country Action Plan – Timeframe – September 2022 – during the meeting of chairs and co-chairs of SWGs which will be organised by MPI



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