

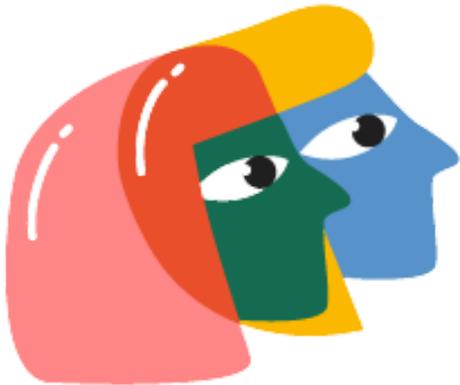


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HEALTHY DIETS.
HEALTHY PLANET.

Survey Analysis summary



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Background

In 2022, the Youth Action Assembly has decided to draft regional youth action policy compendiums that will account for regional specificities, better ensure inclusivity in our policy asks and set the foundations for our future activities.

To identify regional priorities ahead of the Youth Action Assembly to be held in October, the team conducted a qualitative analysis on existing youth manifestos and outcomes (March-May). In June-August, a survey was launched to further complement the findings from the compendium.

The Youth Action survey analysis serves as the second step for the drafting of the regional compendiums. This will set, along with the research synthesis, the initial foundations for discussion for the virtual regional consultations in September, and at the Youth Action Assembly during the WFF Flagship event.

The regional youth action policy compendiums will work primarily and initially as an advocacy tool to use to indicate youth priorities in the region, to be presented to national governments, FAO/UN regional offices, and to WFF partners. This will set the foundations for i) WFF statements to upcoming international conferences (ie. the COPs) ii) future WFF activities/national chapters to stimulate more regional and local actions with our partners iii) evolve into guides and tools in future activities and programs in 2023.



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Volunteers

"Analyzing the documents that covered the regional priorities for our agrifood systems was heartwarming since I read that young people from my region were also concerned about similar worries of mine. Moreover, I felt hopeful as I read some examples of the solutions already taking place at a local level. This allowed me to realize that better is always possible."

- Cristina Vides

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Top 5 priorities

- 1 Invest in resilient and nature-positive agrifood systems through the application of innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems prioritizing soil health, clean water, and biodiversity;
- 2 Provide social protection and increase the minimum wage, especially for minorities (e.g. women and youth) to encourage and incentivize these groups to engage in agrifood systems;
- 3 Ban the use of harmful chemicals in cultivation, storage, processing etc. at all stages of agrifood systems, from farm to fork;
- 4 Value, understand and utilize indigenous and local food knowledge;
- 5 Support small-holder, family, indigenous peoples, and youth-farmers to grow healthy and nutritious food and allow them to realize their agencies in agrifood systems;



Recommended actions

- Promoting sustainable organic source of agriculture and agri food systems priorities on soil healthy, clean water and biodiversity(nature conservation non breed plant source)
- A national consultation workshop to incorporate abandoned local food knowledge into national policies, adopting effective and efficient, participatory training initiatives for women who are deemed as the custodians of indigenous agricultural knowledge or organic agriculture.
- Awareness creation, stakeholder involvement in the project designing, mobilization, and using success stories of those progressive farmers who earlier picked the challenge of trying, taking risk and their lives have changed, in income raise and standard of living.
- Improve research and development sectors to equip them at the level that they would be strongly responsive to the knowledge transfer and research finding extension.
- Support agricultural commodity producers Technically and financially to improve the production and productivity.
- Design, Develop, implement and evaluate the agri-food value addition techniques



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- 4 Value, understand and utilize indigenous and local food knowledge;
- 5 Move towards public policies and investment that incentivize environmentally and socially friendly practices and restore natural ecosystems with a long-term perspective;



Recommended actions



- Providing youth training on innovative food-focused farming models that are totally eco-friendly.
- Build grass-root level awareness among the farming communities, especially involving women and indigenous communities that focus on their right to food, right to their farmland and right to their farm produce.
- The state should advocate increasing the minimum wage of the farmers and help them in increasing the market value of their crops. The state should collaborate with the experts in educating farmers and all stakeholders in protecting the environment and preserving the healthiness of the soil and biodiversity. The state should subsidize and encourage farmers in practicing sustainable farming. The farmers should prioritize the importance of the environment and employ environmentally friendly methods in their farming. Eradicate the greenwashing deception.





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- 3 Stimulate and encourage the creation of inclusive local markets and local distribution systems;
- 4 Take action and scale-up initiatives reducing food loss and waste through repurposing food not fit for retail, banning food classification and value down-scaling, and improving inclusive cold-chain infrastructures;
- 5 Value, understand and utilize indigenous and local food knowledge;



Recommended actions

- Establish stronger policy reforms to protect the exploitation of Indigenous food crops.
- Increase education about food systems, nutrition and sustainable food production in schools.
- Establish an EU soil regeneration policy that mandates: The development of regional or municipal five-year roadmaps for the implementation of regenerative practices and stimulation of community-supported agriculture; Create a voucher distribution initiative for nutrient-rich foods which can be used to support hungry, food insecure and vulnerable populations.
- Implement local markets and local producers preferring 0 km products and enhancing redistribution of food.
- Policy-makers will have to regulate prices in a way that makes sustainable products more affordable and hence more attractive for consumers while at the same time making production more profitable. This can mainly be realized by changing the current tax and subsidy regime in many countries.



Latin America & the Caribbean

Top 5 priorities



- 1 Identify new, or scale-up existing, inclusive and sustainable technologies that are accessible to all;
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Recommended actions

- Provide public procurement to enhance the participation of indigenous people and small-holder farmers in agriculture
- Carry out campaigns about food awareness and how this influences the health and development of the human being;
- Create a respectful relationship of mutual benefit with local and indigenous food producers to look for innovative approaches for more sustainable agrifood systems



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Near East and North Africa



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- 5 Protect food production from political disruption, conflicts and climate change by developing emergency preparedness response and climate change adaptation plans with local communities;

Recommended actions



- Communicate with youth and women, and engage them in all kinds of dialogues about their lives and how they can improve it.
- Support agri-tech ideas and innovation in traditional agriculture that depends heavily on chemicals. As agri-tech ideas are a point of entry for youth and women into agriculture and a way towards more equitable income for them.
- Support small-holder farmers to negotiate and sell collectively at local markets



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North America



Top 5 priorities

1

Make nutritious, safe and sustainable food affordable and accessible to all; policies to help farmers tackle priority natural resource concerns on a regional scale, with particular focus on underserved farmers;



2

Move towards public policies and investment that incentivize environmentally and socially friendly practices and restore natural ecosystems with a long-term perspective;

3

Support small-holder, family, indigenous peoples, and youth-farmers to grow healthy and nutritious food and allow them to realize their agencies in agrifood systems;

4

Ensure that all stakeholders are included and meaningfully engaged in all policy discussions regarding food and agriculture, including youth, indigenous people, women, smallholder farmers and others, at all levels;

5

Protect food production from political disruption, conflicts and climate change by developing emergency preparedness response and climate change adaptation plans with local communities;



Recommended actions

- Promote local based cooperatives and more opportunities for beginning farmers to learn about sustainable practices. Grassroots and political action should occur to advocate for resilient, sustainable food systems.
- provide universal basic income or more safety net for farmers especially in the first 10 years
- Invest in farmland conservation that keeps land in the hands of growers, and expand access to credit to help farmers compete in the real estate market
- Support farm viability for young farmers and farmers of color
- Invest in data collection, reporting, and research on farmland tenure, ownership, and transition.



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