

# Compendium Analysis summary

OF YOUTH MANIFESTOS, STATEMENTS,  
AND CONSULTATION OUTCOMES FOR A  
BETTER FOOD FUTURE  
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# Background

In 2022, the Youth Action Assembly 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.

This qualitative analysis serves as the first step for the drafting of the regional compendium, aiming on creating a cumulative process in identifying the youth priorities in agrifood systems transformation by summarising existing regional and national youth-led manifestos, statements, call to actions and consultation outcomes. The WFF team analyzed over 30 local documents used in the analysis represent the views of more than 3,000 young people globally.

Working from the Policy Priority Areas (PPAs) identified in the [WFF 2021 Global Youth Policy Compendia](#), the team mapped the regional priorities and solutions from the youth documents, identifying the top five PPAs and their complementary recommended actions to be taken by various stakeholders.

This will set, along with the survey results, the initial foundations for discussion for the [virtual regional consultations in September](#), and at the Youth Action Assembly, taking place on 17-21 October at the World Food Forum 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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**Ensure that all stakeholders including youth, women, children, the poor, the private sector, educational entities, and research and financial institutions, among others, are included and meaningfully engaged in policies and actions for sustainable development and agrifood systems.**

Suggested actions: Build strong academia-research-government-industry partnerships for agrifood systems; provide opportunities for youth and vulnerable populations to participate in policies by building their capacities with appropriate resources; educate key stakeholders, particularly youth, women and children to empower them to participate in policies; promote effective and sustainable public-private partnerships.

2

**Incentivize environmentally and socially friendly practices by boosting the sustainable financing of innovations, technologies and capacities that promote sustainable practices, particularly in vulnerable regions.**

Suggested actions: Restore ecosystems by promoting education on sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices; build the capacities of startups and entrepreneurs to tackle environmental challenges.

3

**Identify new, or scale-up existing, inclusive and sustainable technologies through partnerships with research and innovation-oriented institutions; provide funds for the development of innovations and technologies in partnerships with financial institutions; build the capacities of farmers and communities to take up innovations and technologies.**

Suggested actions: Increase resilient and climate-sensitive technologies and partnerships; provide education on new and existing innovations and technologies and build capacities in vulnerable regions to take up new and existing innovations and technologies.

4



**Support smallholder families, Indigenous Peoples, women and youth farmers by increasing their access to essential resources such as land, water and farming technologies for sustainable smallholder agriculture systems; build the capacity of Indigenous Peoples, women and youth through training and financial support.**

Suggested actions: Improve land governance, ownership and rights systems, particularly in vulnerable regions; build capacities through financial support and education; scale up affordable technologies for smallholder farmers.

5

**Invest in resilient and nature-positive agrifood systems by promoting climate-smart agriculture, reducing excessive exploitation of natural resources and the negative footprint of human activities on the environment.**

Suggested actions: Promote the scale-up of climate resilient and climate-smart agriculture practices; build the capacities of youth to engage in sustainable agriculture and ensure mechanization of agriculture to attract youth.





# Asia and the Pacific

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**Promote the production and consumption of safe, healthy and sustainable food through educating the public and agri producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food options through procurement in civic and school areas, whilst providing capacity development to food system workers to produce safe and quality foods.**

Suggested Actions: Educate the public and agri producers through media outlets and school curricula, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food options through procurement in civic and school areas; ensure safe food through better inspection and regulations of both local and imported food, providing capacity development to agrifood system workers to produce safe and quality foods.

2

**Establish inclusive, healthy and sustainable feeding programs; contextually mainstream scientifically robust food education in the national school curriculum for sustainable food consumption patterns (nutrition, better food habits), production (agriculture) and local foods.**

Suggested actions: Strengthen sustainable food system research and support for social practice, academic research and the translation of research results; create formal and informal food education programs for school children to learn about the local food production sector.

3

**Ensure that policies and innovations support and benefit smallholders, families, indigenous peoples and youth farmers - providing access to the resources and optimization needed; provide incentives and opportunities for young people to engage in every step of the agrifood system, such as agriculture and/or entrepreneurship.**

Suggested actions: Provide adequate resources for optimal production of more efficient, healthy and diverse foods; create a knowledge hub/ecosystem for knowledge exchanges and communication; establish cooperatives to unite farmers and create small business clusters; ensure (simplified/less complicated) access to financing facilities and mechanisms.

4

**Ensure seats at the decision table for all stakeholders including youth, and that they are included and meaningfully engaged in all policy discussions; ensure that all relevant sectors and ministries in the food system form a closer collaborative mechanism and address the multiple challenges in the policy development processes; integrate goals of healthy and sustainable diets in policy; promote joint research, multi-stakeholder dialogue and public engagement; ensure direct and effective participation of youth seats.**

Suggested actions: Facilitate intergenerational links with mutual respect, cooperate with scientific and institutional cooperation and implement outcomes, ensure access to resources to youth for skill development and to engage in decision-making processes, and improve policy and stakeholder coherence and cooperation for common action.

5

**Create inclusive local markets and local distribution systems - prioritizing, improving and strengthening domestic production produced in a sustainable and local way in order to fulfill the nutrition needs/food security of the population; ensure that local supply meets local demands - without the reliance on and interference of food imports.**

Suggested actions: Review and revise food imports and exports systems; expand market access for farmers and improve logistics in food supply and accessibility; regulate food prices; educate the public and promote the importance of local foods and sustainable food systems.



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# Europe

1

**Ensure education on inclusive, healthy and sustainable nutrition and the systemic connection between health and ecosystems at schools, nurseries, and colleges supported by healthy school cafeterias that which are procure food from local producers.**

Suggested actions: Provide compulsory education, aligned to school canteens, on the value, environmental, health and societal implications of food systems embedded in the current curriculum, preparing children, students, and teachers to make healthy choices.

2

**Support all farmers, including small-holder, families, Indigenous Peoples and youth farmers, to grow healthy and nutritious food and allow them to realize their agencies in agrifood systems.**

Suggested actions: Invest in and improve the access to training and knowledge-sharing hubs for new and existing farmers on regenerative farming practices; create a fair financial system and wages for farmers.

3

**Make nutritious, safe and sustainable food affordable and accessible to all and create an enabling food environment to stimulate the consumption of these products.**

Suggested actions: Create healthy and sustainable physical and online food environments, supported by tax incentives and a ban on unhealthy food marketing, to make healthy and sustainable options affordable, and foster local and regional supply chains.

4

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

Suggested actions: Scale up, invest and share best practices and insights on regenerative agriculture based on country and corporate sustainable long-term strategies; develop internationally agreed-upon standards.

5

**Scale up and implement programs that enable to move towards the true cost of food, internalizing environmental, social, welfare and health costs, including uniform nutrition and labeling guidelines.**

Suggested actions: Define indicators to measure and implement the health and environmental costs of all food products and make uniform and standardized food labeling mandatory.



# Latin America & the Caribbean

1

**Provide social protection and increase the minimum wage**, especially for minorities in agrifood systems by improving life and work conditions for rural youth, ensuring equal access to resources for women and minorities, and valuing their work in agrifood systems.

Suggested actions: Promote the participation of rural women and youth in local projects; offer training to the workers of the local agrifood system, ensuring access to goods and services in rural territories.



2

**Support small-holder, families, Indigenous Peoples and youth farmers** by investing in local projects that stimulate intergenerational equality, and women and youth empowerment.

Suggested actions: Invest in resilient and nature-positive agrifood systems, valuing the knowledge and participation of minorities; organize food systems around food sovereignty; encourage the creation of inclusive local distribution systems.

3

**Value, understand and utilize Indigenous and local food knowledge** by providing autonomy to Indigenous and rural youth, promoting their active participation in conducting agrifood systems transformation and climate change mitigation.

Suggested actions: Provide agro-ecological training for local rural youth and university students; promote knowledge sharing between rural youth; develop national education programs to support rural youth participation in policymaking.



4

**Ensure that all stakeholders are included and meaningfully engaged** by improving equitable participation in decision-making, promoting indigenous and rural youth engagement, as well as facilitating active engagement of marginalized groups.

Suggested actions: Invest in policies that stimulate youth participation in decision-making regarding agrifood systems; develop a formal citizen participation forum for youth; support organizations that promote women's participation in decision making.



5

**Ensure inclusive, healthy, and sustainable school feeding programs and provide environmental education** by investing in healthy meals in community schools, using resources from local producers and stimulating community engagement.

Suggested actions: Educate students about food systems transformation; promote healthy diets and healthy habits in schools; promote the leadership of local rural women in sustainable schools programs; invest in healthy school meals programs.



# Near East and North Africa

## 1 Take action to maintain, revitalize and protect terrestrial and marine areas by investing in mechanisms for ecosystem conservation on the local level.

Suggested actions: Regulate the use of water resources, promoting ecosystem restoration and conservation measures at the source level; regulate the distribution of natural resources in agriculture.

## 2 Promote environmentally and socially friendly practices in agriculture by developing public policies and investing in projects that incentivise those actions.

Suggested actions: Improve policies for sustainable blue transformation, developing sustainable production mechanisms; invest in local measures for transparent production.

## 3 Identify and scale up inclusive and sustainable technologies by providing affordable and efficient mechanisms for farmers to use technology in agriculture, promoting sustainable management of natural resources.

Suggested actions: Harness technology for efficient water use, building infrastructure for transparent use of natural resources; promote educational projects for farmers regarding the use of technology in agriculture

## 4 Invest in resilient and nature-positive agrifood systems through science-based solutions that reduce the environmental impact of food production.

Suggested actions: Promote climate resilient crops, supporting locally varied food production systems; provide farmers with sustainable approaches to food production.

## 5 Provide social protection to rural people by improving life and work conditions, especially for social minorities in agrifood systems.

Suggested actions: Promote youth-led empowerment programs; stop child labour; provide equal access to resources to Indigenous Peoples; ensure a better quality of life for rural people.





# North America

## 1 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.

Suggested actions: Streamline the application process and increase funding for loans; develop incubator business programs for farms; foster partnerships between farm and conservation organizations, states, and federal agencies to help farmers tackle priority natural resource concerns on a regional scale, with particular focus on underserved farmers.



## 2 Identify new, or scale up existing, inclusive and sustainable technologies that are accessible to all to improve transparency, information sharing and engagement in the agrifood sector.

Suggested actions: Address gaps in data on technologies such as gene editing in livestock, and the health of agri-food workers; harness and share data to predict agricultural supply chains, improve food distribution, and reduce food loss and waste.

## 3 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.

Suggested actions: Encourage regional solutions based on climate and farmers' site-specific conditions; undertake surveys to better understand farmers' practices; demonstrate and share sustainable practices.



## 4 Ensure inclusive, healthy and sustainable feeding programs at schools, nurseries and colleges that are procured from local producers and provide food education.

Suggested actions: Increase early childhood food and agriculture knowledge; provide diverse, healthy and sustainable meals in schools that are procured locally; support local farmers to partner with schools and teach children to grow and cook diverse nutritional foods.

## 5 Stimulate and encourage the creation of inclusive local markets and local distribution systems.

Suggested actions: Promote local community food systems both at home and in institutions to improve dietary diversity and access to culturally appropriate and traditional food; reduce dietary emissions; support the local economy and provide a backup supply of diverse raw materials.



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