



## Note for the Record

### Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance Meeting

18 June 2025 | 15:30 – 16:30

Room S-U-212, Altes Abgeordnetenhaus, UN Campus Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1,  
53113 Bonn, Germany

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**Brief Summary:** The CRFS Alliance Meeting reviewed progress in the work of the alliance from 2024 and outlined key priorities for 2025, including Country Diagnostics, Regional Labs, support to NAPs, and the Rio Conventions Integrated Programme. Updates were shared on the UNFSS+4 Stocktake and upcoming COP30. The meeting concluded with discussions on transitioning coordination of the alliance to FAO/FAST.

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**Item 1 - Welcome and Objectives of the Meeting:** The meeting started with a warm welcome from the UNFCCC, outlining the overarching goal of the Alliance's work. Motsomi Maletjane emphasized that the work of the Alliance aims to address the question: *How can we better support farmers, policymakers, and our organizations in improving climate-resilient food systems?* He expressed appreciation to the Commonwealth Secretariat's hosting of the annual retreat in April and reaffirmed the UNFCCC's privilege in coordinating the Alliance.

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**Item 2 - Update on the CRFS Alliance Retreat and Key Activities of 2025:** The session opened with a brief recap of the CRFS Alliance retreat in April and a review of the alliance's composition and activities in 2024. These included three webinars on the topics innovation and technology; the water food nexus; and private sector engagement in food systems. Two policy briefs were finalized with first on comprehensive risk management in agrifood systems led by UNDRR and the second brief on Rio Convention Integration led by UNCCD, CBD, UNFCCC, FAST, CGIAR, WB. Moreover, plans are underway for a third brief on food systems in NAPs and NDCs. On a yearly basis the alliance produces an advocacy framework with the latest version of 2024 accessible [here](#). The final workstream comprised workshops, with a workshop in Lesotho in October 2024. The following key activities for 2025, which were identified as priorities during the annual retreat in London, were discussed in more detail:

**2.1 Country Diagnostics:** Sylvie Wabbes (FAO), presented the rationale and progress on the country diagnostics. These diagnostics allow a proactive engagement of the selected countries by identifying key issues related to climate resilient food systems and exploring synergies across the agendas. Once validated by national governments, the findings will be shared with the alliance's Funds Cluster to guide development of project pipelines and identification of potential grants. Key lessons emerging from this work include the importance of context-sensitive language, multi-stakeholder engagement, the application of comprehensive risk management and linking agrifood systems to interconnected areas such as land degradation and biodiversity. To date, eight diagnostics have been published [here](#), with two more currently being developed for Brazil and Somalia, and expected to be finalized ahead of COP30 in Belém.

**2.2 Regional Food and Climate Labs:** The Regional Labs aim to bring the alliance's expertise closer to country-level implementation, providing targeted support across several themes. A three-day



draft agenda proposes modules on regenerative food production, early warning systems, comprehensive risk management, climate finance, and the water-food nexus, amongst others. Building on the momentum from the 2024 Lesotho workshop—which resulted in a national declaration—there is growing interest from countries in participating in these Labs.

**2.3 Integration with Rio Conventions:** An upcoming policy assessment in three pilot countries (Ethiopia, Brazil, Vietnam) will explore how collaboration between the Rio Conventions on food systems can be strengthened. The process will involve multistakeholder dialogues at the political level and aim to identify areas for deeper cooperation. Findings will feed into a set of recommendations/call to action to be launched at COP30.

**2.4 Support for Implementing Food Systems Related Priorities in NAPs:** In this workstream the alliance practically supports countries in their efforts in strengthening consideration of food systems in their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and in implementing food systems related priorities from their NAPs. Various approaches are being explored to tailor support to national contexts. This work was on hold until recently, pending the release of the updated NAP technical guidelines.

Furthermore, the **Portfolio of Solutions** was introduced, which maps the landscape of support the alliance provides. Emerging from the retreat in April, it captures the collective solutions of alliance members to advancing climate-resilient food systems. Participants were encouraged to review the portfolio and propose additions where applicable. Discussions concluded with an outline of relevant events in 2025 for the engagement of the alliance, including among others the NYC Climate Weeks and the NAP Expo 2025 in Zambia.

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### **Item 3 - Preparation for UNFSS+4 Stocktaking Moment (Ethiopia) and COP30 Tour de Table:**

Key insights on the UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktaking Moment were provided by the Food Systems Coordination Hub. The event will take place on 27 to 29 July in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Summit will focus on (1) Reflection on progress since the 2021 Food Systems Summit; (2) Partnerships and tracking commitments (3) Unlocking finance and investments for sustainable food systems. An action day is foreseen on 27 July with field visits by the Ethiopian government. The preparation process involved engagement across different levels including consultations and regional preparatory meetings. A new feature of this stocktaking moment will be investment dialogues, which aim to match needs with funding opportunities.

Preparations for COP30 were also discussed. A dedicated planning meeting for the alliance's involvement will take place in September or October. Foreseen potential outcomes could be a high-level side event on delivering climate resilient food systems, and a potential partnership with Brazil, as the country has not yet officially endorsed the alliance.

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### **Item 4 - Coordination of CRFS Alliance:**

Following the discussions during the annual retreat in London, the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) Partnership is preparing to assume the coordination of the CRFS Alliance. Modalities for this are to be defined in bilateral meetings in the upcoming weeks. Representing FAST, Martial Bernoux (FAO) provided insights on FAST's three pillars: (1) access to finance, (2) knowledge and capacity, (3) policy support and dialogue. Hosted within the FAO, FAST is uniquely positioned through its partnership board, co-chaired by past, current, and future COP Presidencies. This structure ensures direct links with the



COP process and enables COP-to-COP collaboration. In light of this growing collaboration, CRFS Alliance members are invited to also join the FAST Partnership.

**Key Action Points:**

- Partners are encouraged to review the Portfolio of Solutions and share any additions/changes they would like to see included by COB 4 July.
- UNFCCC and FAST will notify partners on how the coordination will continue and how to become FAST members.

## Annex

Organization	Names of participants
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