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# Transforming food systems for health, equity, and sustainability

Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the UN Food Systems Summit

23 June 2021, 9:00 – 11:00 EDT (New York), 15:00 – 17:00 CEST (Geneva)

## Programme

### Opening

Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of the New York Office, IPU

15:00 – 15:05 CEST

#### Welcome remarks

Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

15:06 – 15:35

#### Keynote presentations on food systems

- Ms. Agnes Kalibata, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit
- Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen, Chief Economist, FAO

*Followed by Q&A*

### Session 1: Build sustainability – Food systems and climate change

Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of the New York Office, IPU

15:36 – 16:10

#### Expert presentation

Mr. John Ingram, Food Systems Transformation Programme Leader, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford

*Followed by interactive discussion*

Guiding questions:

- What are the long-term environmental, economic and social consequences of current unsustainable food systems?
- What transformations are needed to address the impact of climate change on food systems and the impact of food systems on climate change?
- What are the legislative and policy entry points for more sustainable food systems that are climate-smart, inclusive and gender-responsive?

## Session 2: Improve health – Food systems and malnutrition

Moderator: Ms. Gerda Verburg, UN Assistant Secretary-General and SUN Movement Coordinator

16:11 – 16:45

### Expert presentation

Ms. Sania Nishtar, Senator; Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection

*Followed by interactive discussion*

Guiding questions:

- What are the main transformations of food production, distribution and consumption that are required to tackle all forms of malnutrition?
- How are current food systems driving inequalities, including gender inequality, in nutrition and health?
- How can laws and policies support a food-systems approach to address malnutrition and what are the key policy trade-offs?

## Closing

16:46 – 16:55

### Presentation on future perspectives

Ms. Gerda Verburg, UN Assistant Secretary-General and SUN Movement Coordinator

16:56 – 17:00

### Closing

Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of the New York Office, IPU