

## FAQs

### What is Act4Food Act4Change?

A new youth-led campaign leading to a movement that brings together young people from around the world to focus on their personal action and the actions they want decision makers to take as a contribution to system change.

This movement urges governments, businesses, UN agencies, youth, and people of all ages to act boldly and promptly. Act4Food Act4Change is in the process of developing a list of 'Actions 4 Change' – key asks from young people to businesses and policymakers around the world that will help to fix our food systems.

### What is the vision of Act4Food Act4Change?

Act4Food Act4Change envisions a world where the Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved, with the help of actions taken to transform food systems for the wellbeing of all people, and our planet. It seeks to create a global youth movement campaigning for food systems transformation, enabling young people to engage with decision-makers to have their voices heard and their priorities actioned. The vision of the movement is expressed as:

*“A sustainable global food system that provides all people with access to food that is good for their health and good for the planet.”*

### Who are the youth leaders (and what nations do they represent)?

*(alphabetical by country)*

Bangladesh	Dipty Chowdhury
Brazil	Lana Weidgenant
Canada	Taylor Quinn
China	Huiyu Ouyang
Fiji	Lavetanalagi Seru
India	Priya Prakash
Ireland	Sophie Healy-Thow
Kenya	Maureen Muketha and Jane Napais Lankisa
Lebanon	Rayan Kasseem
Madagascar	Narindra Andriamahefalisson
Malawi	Mike Nkhombo Khunga
Nicaragua	Bernis Cunningham
Philippines	Jim Leandro and Milca Jane P. Cameseria
Rwanda	Florence Sibomana
Senegal	Yacine Yade
Switzerland	Marie-Claire Graf
USA	Janya Green
Zimbabwe	Webster Makombe

### I'm not from one of those countries, can I still be part of Act4Food Act4Change's pledge?

Yes! The pledge is open for all young people to sign, anywhere in the world. Stay tuned to @Act4FoodGlobal on twitter or Act4Food on Instagram, or Act4FoodGlobal on facebook to find out more about other ways you can stay involved.

### What is the Act4Food Act4Change Pledge?

The pledge is a powerful statement and a call to action. At present it is in 13 languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Bengali, Swahili, Urdu, Korean, Japanese). In English, the pledge is:

*"We know our current food systems contribute to ongoing health, climate and biodiversity crises, and violation of human rights. We will only be able to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with a fundamental transformation of our food systems.*

*While we as young people have been excluded from most political and economic decision-making processes, we are also the ones who will live the longest with the consequences of decisions made today.*

*We pledge to act. And we demand urgent large-scale action from others, especially from decision-makers in government and business.*

*As youth we #Act4Food #Act4Change to support #GoodFoodForAll*

### Who is behind the Actions 4 Change?

The Actions 4 Change are being developed in consultation with young people all over the world, with support of a steering group of youth-led organisations. These include Actions Against Hunger, EAT, FAO Youth, Food Foundation, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, i4Nature, Real Food Systems, Save The Children, SOS-UK, SUN Network, WAGGGS, World Food Forum, WWF and Youth Alliance 4 Zero Hunger.

As well as this steering group, over 80 youth-led organisations and alliances from 38 countries have contributed evidence and ideas to the first stage of the consultation.

### How are the Actions 4 Change being developed and selected, and who is engaged?

The process for developing the Actions 4 Change has been split into two stages. In the first stage of the consultation youth networks and organisations were invited to submit their Actions 4 Change. The core group and steering group are then reviewing the submissions and drawing up a 'longlist' of Actions 4 Change.

The second stage of the consultation will launch on 18<sup>th</sup> May, at which point young people from all over the world will be asked to vote on their priority five actions. This process will define the final shortlist of Actions 4 Change, which will be launched at the UN Food Systems Summit pre-summit and summit.

### What is the UN Food Systems Summit?

In 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres will convene a Food Systems Summit as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The Summit will launch bold new actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable and equitable food systems.

The Summit will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food. It is a summit for everyone everywhere – a people's summit. It is also a solutions summit that will require everyone to take action to transform the world's food systems.

Guided by five Action Tracks, the Summit will bring together key players from the worlds of science, business, policy, healthcare and academia, as well as farmers, indigenous people, youth organizations, consumer groups, environmental activists, and other key stakeholders. Before, during and after the Summit, these actors will come together to bring about tangible, positive

changes to the world's food systems – and youth is one of them. For more info:  
<https://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit/about>.

### How is Act4Food Act4Change related to the UN Food Systems Summit?

The first ever UN Food Systems Summit is a people's summit scheduled for September 2021 around the time of the UN General Assembly. It is an inspiration and key milestone for Act4Food Act4Change. Several of this campaign's youth leaders are engaging in official capacities in processes leading up to the Summit and will be participating at the Summit. Act4Food Act4Change also supports the UN Food Systems Summit *Good Food For All* campaign.

At the Summit we will showcase that a movement has been mobilised as demonstrated by the unified pledge with many signing across the globe. The actions for change will provide young people with the tools to campaign. Together, these will catalyse a decade of action for young people to contribute to transforming food systems and eating habits.

### What are the ways that youth activists, champions, and leaders can link to the UN Food Systems Summit?

- You can connect with the youth co-chairs of the UN Food Systems Summit's [five Action Tracks](#)
- Be part of the UN Food Systems Summit Community Platform
- Actively participate in or convene a [UN Food Systems Summit Dialogue](#) on any topic of relevance for young people
- Help Act4Food Act4Change to deliver on the promises for the pre-summit and Summit

### What will Act4Food Act4Change focus on after the UN Food Systems Summit?

Act4Food Act4Change is part of a decade of youth action to 2030. Other key milestones to the end of 2021 include Climate Change and Biodiversity conferences COP26 and Nutrition 4 Growth. After the UN Food Systems Summit, where Act4Food Act4Change will launch the shortlist of Actions 4 Change, voted on by youth, the focus will be on supporting youth actions around agreed priorities to 2030.

### What organisations are supporting Act4Food Act4Change?

Key supporters and facilitators are the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, the Food Foundation, and the UN Food Systems Summit secretariat. Several other organisations are proud to support Act4Food Act4Change, including:

Action Against Hunger  
BIID  
CSAYN  
CGIAR  
Eat Forum  
Food and Agriculture Organization  
4-H  
I4Nature  
International Federation of Red Cross Red  
Crescent Societies  
Real Food Systems  
Restless Development  
Save the Children  
Scaling Up Nutrition Youth Movement  
UNICEF

UN Nutrition  
UNITLIFE  
University of Wageningen  
WAGGS  
World Food Forum  
World Food Programme  
World Health Organization  
World Wide Fund for Nature  
World YWCA  
WOSM  
YPARD  
YMCA  
Youth Alliance 4 Zero Hunger.



### How can my organisation support Act4Food Act4Change?

Encourage young people to sign the #Act4Food pledge on [actions4food.org](https://actions4food.org) (website launching 18 May 2021). Help us to reach 1M signatures by the UN Food Systems Summit this September.

Encourage young people to vote on their favourite #Act4Change actions at [actions4change.org](https://actions4change.org) (new website launching 18 May 2021).

- Add a banner to your website.
- Share and promote the pledge and actions.
- Engage through social media with the hashtags #Act4Food #Act4Change #GoodFood4All
- Endorse the movement by sharing quotes and messages of support from within your organisation.
- If you would like to join as a supporter or if you have other ideas for ways you'd like to offer support, please contact us at [info@actions4food.org](mailto:info@actions4food.org)

### How can I, as an individual, support Act4Food Act4Change?

Young people can sign the pledge. Anyone can share the pledge with their networks. Young people can also vote on their five priority Actions 4 Change.

Stay tuned to @Act4FoodGlobal on twitter or Act4Food on Instagram, or Act4FoodGlobal on facebook to find out more.

Sign up to our newsletter (on [www.actions4food.org](https://www.actions4food.org))

### Other questions?

Reach out to us on socials or via email – [info@actions4food.org](mailto:info@actions4food.org)