



## Sustainable Food Systems Development in Albania

### Launching event & the first dialogue of the series

#### *Concept Note and Agenda*

**on Tuesday, November 1 at 09:30-11:30 CET**  
*(the online link will be shared soon)*

#### **Background**

The National Dialogue on Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) in Albania, in the preparation for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021, was organized in June and July 2021 led by the Government of Albania (the National Convener: The Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development) and supported by the UN. During the UN Summit, Albania announced the National Pathways for SFS development and H.E. Frida Krifca Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Albania stated the goals and priorities of the country to achieve sustainable development of food systems.

It is now time to further engage with the relevant sectoral policymakers (e.g. agriculture, tourism, health, education, trade, etc.), local communities and municipalities (e.g. farmer groups, local small/medium agricultural businesses, a local agency of extension advisory service, etc.). To facilitate further integration, strengthening and scaling-up of the combined SFS approach, FAO will provide support the national and local level dialogues to be carried out in the framework of [the SFS-MED Platform](#) - A multi-stakeholder initiative for Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Objective**

The event is welcoming stakeholders to launch the country-level project implementation in the framework of the SFS-MED Platform - A multi-stakeholder initiative for SFS in the Mediterranean. During the event, National Pathway will be communicated, and participants will be encouraged to discuss the needs of elaboration and modification of the Pathway concerning country's priorities and needs which have emerged since the National Dialogues concluded last year.

The discussion sessions will be two parts - First, the challenges and common goals to achieve SFS in Albania from the perspective of experts/advisors from different Ministries, national and local institutions and second, from the perspective of the private sector, farmers and the rural community.

Dialogue will also address agritourism as one of the most important sectors that contributes highly to the economy of the country and has high potential to lever SFS development as well as the green economy of Albania.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information: Food systems transformation – processes and pathways in the Mediterranean: A stocktaking exercise (including Box 1 – Overview of Albania's national pathway) <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb7978en>  
The SFS-MED Platform: Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qqK5tOjRz4>

## Programme of the Day

Launching Event	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:35	<b>Opening</b> Introduction of the project framework and the SFS-MED Platform <b>Valbona Ylli, Moderator</b>
09:35-10:00	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <b>Frida Krifca, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development</b> <b>Raimund Jehle, FAO Representative</b> <b>Fiona McCluney, UN Resident Coordinator, Albania</b>
Food Systems Dialogue	
10:00-10:15 (10mins)	<b>Introduction</b> The status of current policy and strategy after the UN Food Systems Summit in 2021 <b>Valbona Paluka, Moderator</b>
(5mins)	Impacts of the conflict in Ukraine on the Albanian agricultural sector <b>Orjon Xhoxhi, FAO expert</b>
10:15-10:50 (20mins)	<b>Discussion (1)</b> The challenges and common goals to achieve SFS in Albania <i>- from the perspective of experts/advisors from Ministries, national and local institutions</i> <b>Valbona Paluka, Moderator</b>
(15mins)	Q&A
10:50-11:25 (20mins)	<b>Discussion (2)</b> The status of current practices/businesses, challenges, and goals to achieve SFS in Albania <i>- from the perspective of the private sector, farmers and the rural community</i> <b>Valbona Ylli, Moderator</b>
(15mins)	Q&A
11:25-11:30	Closing Remarks <b>Valbona Ylli, Moderator</b>
11:30-	Post event refreshments