



# Global Grassland and Savannah Dialogue Platform

## 7. Meeting Outreach and collaboration – open discussion

27.04.2021

# Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Get Connected: Learn about participants**
- **Result Break out group**
- **Survey Results and Discussion**
- **IUCN Grassland Motion**
- **UP-dates:**
  - **Working Groups**
  - **Global Rangeland Atlas**
  - **UN Food Systems Summit – Game changing solution**
  - **Side Event GLF**
- **Next steps**

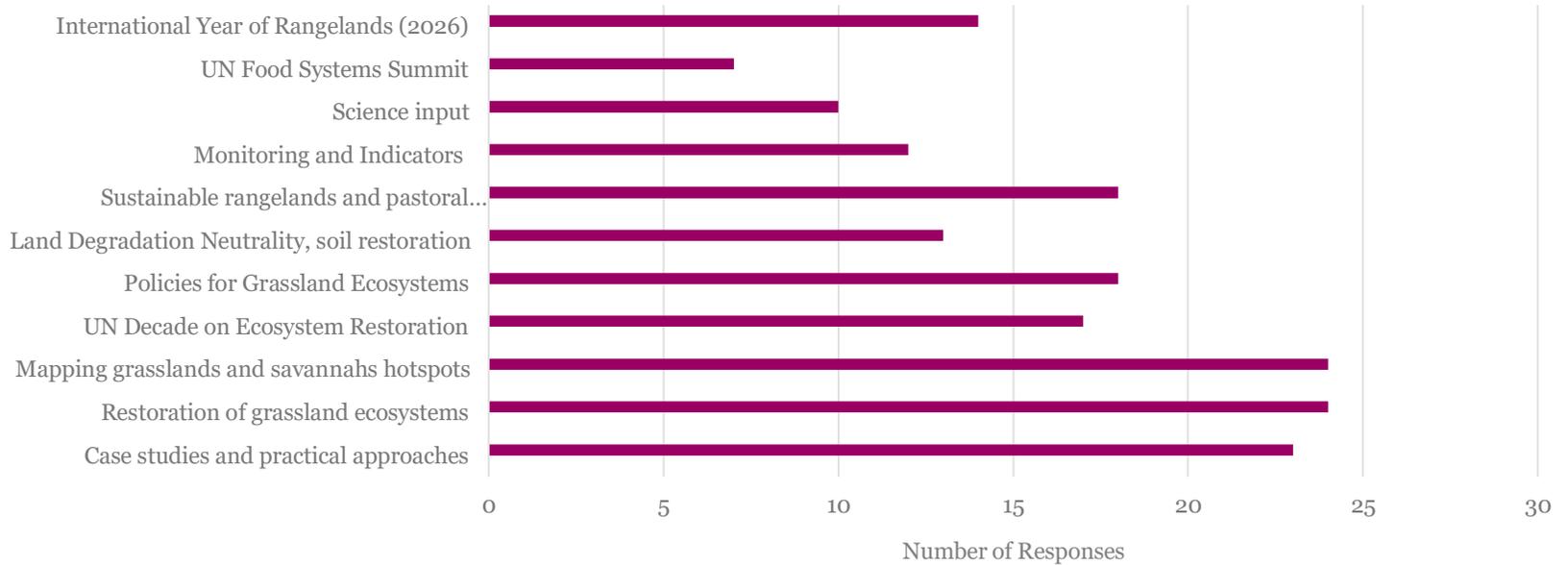


# Survey Results (39 Responses)

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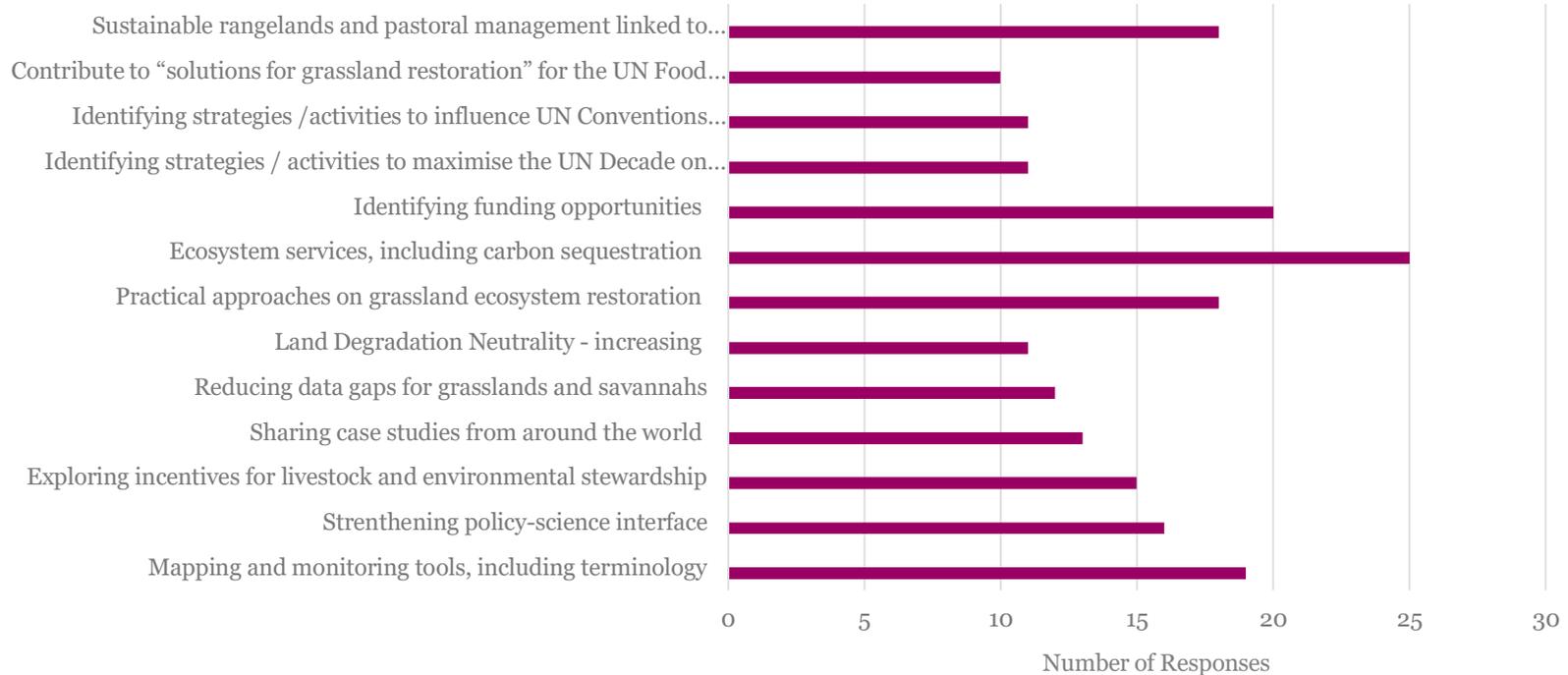


# Most useful topics of the Grassland Dialogue Platform



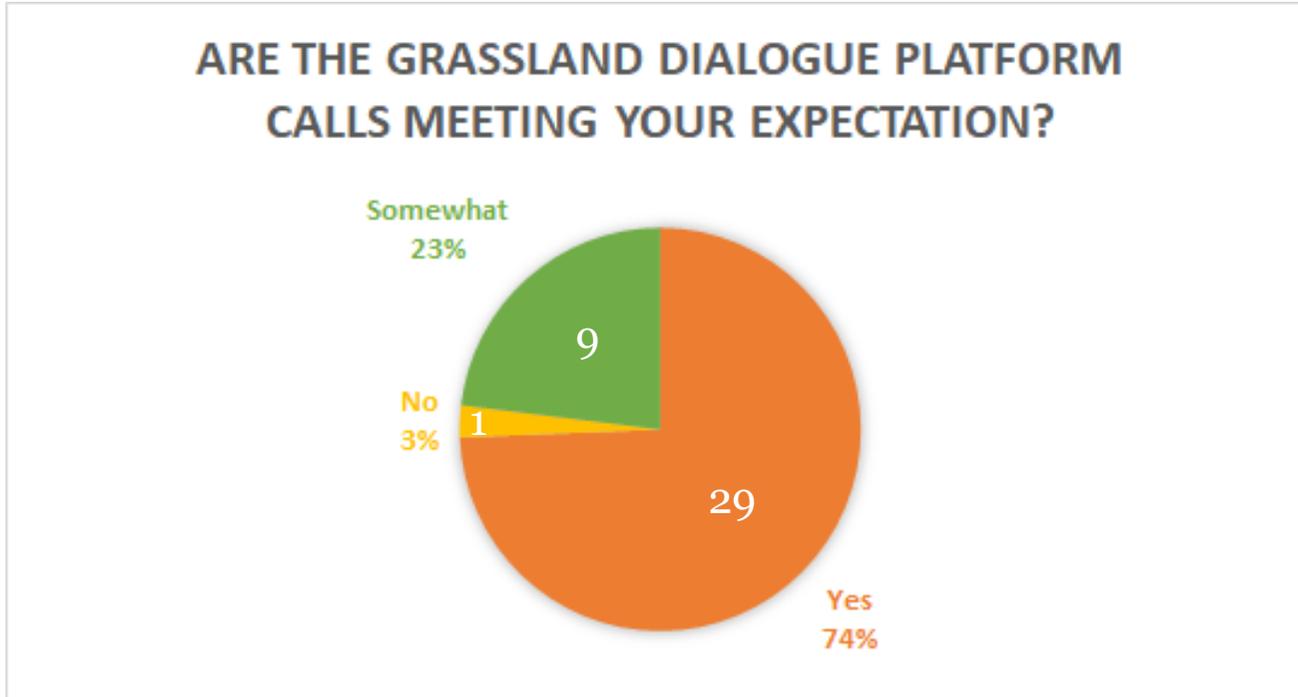


# Future topics for the Grassland Dialogue Platform





# Expectations



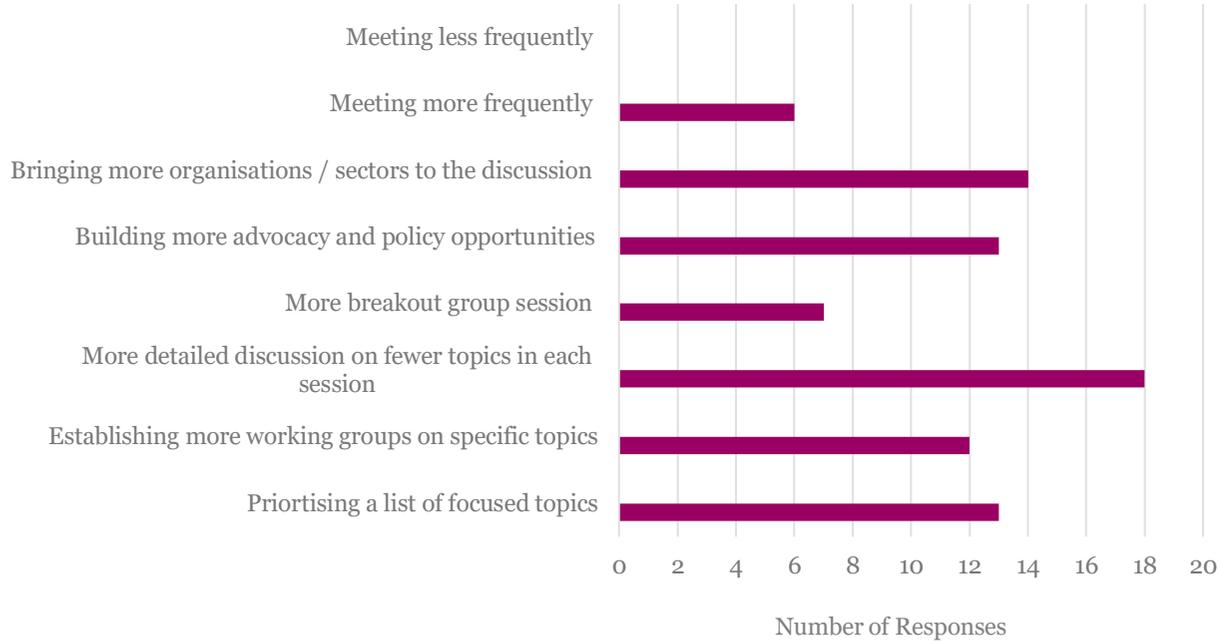


# Feedback / Most liked about the Dialogue

- **International exchange**
- International community of practice
- **Sharing** the amazing knowledge on grasslands and savannahs
- Lining with new people/groups
- **Interaction**, learning from other experiences, science
- Meeting other organizations
- Networking with colleagues
- Getting information on what is going on **globally** and ideas on how we can **push our issues locally**
- **Learning and** getting information about multiple global efforts,
- Very encouraged by adding rangelands/grasslands to NDCs
- Cover **new geographic areas** each time
- Good opinion and **background diversity**
- Problem-solving attitude of all participants
- The **combination of seminars and dialogue**
- **Best practices** in various contexts
- **Diversity of info**
- Keeps me engaged in what is going on around the world with these ecosystems and their conservation
- The **global perspective**
- Hearing and **connecting** with others doing similar work. Building collaboration and connections.
- The opportunity to **joint efforts** and positioning overlooked G&S.
- The short but **inspiring talks**, evidence-based communication
- sharing of experiences and motivated by the interest
- **Case studies**, new theory, technology, method and ideas from around the world
- Good external input and **thought-provoking topics**. Varied topics and speakers
- **Sharing experiences** from other practitioners
- Grasslands and Savannas are critically underrepresented in terms of conservation prioritization
- Learning about global efforts to inform an **accurate understanding of grasslands** and rangelands issues.



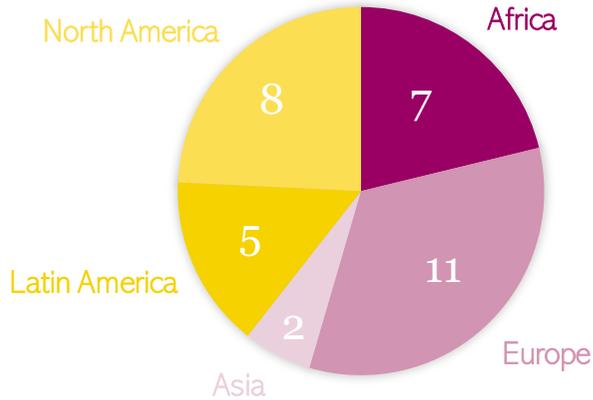
# Improvements / Suggestions



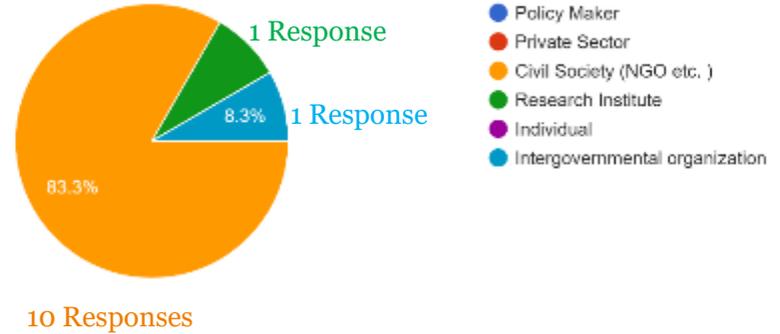


# Regions and backgrounds (not representative)

## REGIONS



What organization(s), institution(s) or group of individuals are you associated with?  
12 responses





# Comments

- Examples of successful financial models that incentivize grassland conservation
- Thanks for the opportunity to join
- timely considering the UN Decade
- Keep it up
- **Can you send us the global folder link to all the recordings ? Thanks**
- Bravo!
- You are doing a great job!
- Excellent
- Glad it was pulled together
- Lots to cover but doing it well
- Great work
- Thank you for convening and facilitating.
- It represents a great opportunity
- **I would suggest that there could have been greater member inclusion in the topics from the beginning in agenda setting.** But not a complaint.
- Thanks for this wonderful effort!
- Smaller group discussions on more focused areas or more specific tasks would help.
- Clarify the vision and intention of the calls
- More options for participation

# **Discussion on Survey Results (moderated by Karina Berg)**

**IUCN Motion:  
Protecting and restoring endangered grassland  
and savannah ecosystems**

# Major Asks of the Motion (short version)

1. CALLS ON the Director General to support actions to **address urgent issues relating to conversion and degradation** of these ecosystems;
2. CALLS ON IUCN Commissions and Members to support the preparation of a **Global Status Report on grasslands and savannahs** identifying:
  - a. areas of chief conservation concern
  - b. the value of associated ecosystem services
  - c. successful and replicable grassland restoration practices
3. RECOMMENDS that IUCN and its Members work to seek to support the **inclusion in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework of a target on zero net loss of natural ecosystems, including grasslands and savannahs**, thus avoiding leakage from one biome to another;
4. CALLS ON Commissions and Members to support efforts to foster **grassland and savannah protection and restoration in the focus of the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration**
5. ENCOURAGES Members and governments to apply the **UNCCD's Scientific Conceptual Framework for Land Degradation Neutrality** and to fulfill Sustainable Development Goal 15.3. within all areas of grassland and savannah around the world;
6. REQUESTS IUCN to seek support from State Members for the process initiated by the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, to designate a '**United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**'

## World Conservation Congress Resolution: **Protecting and restoring endangered grassland and savannah ecosystems**

The resolution, which is now approved, has 6 asks:

1. A general call for the **IUCN Director General** urgently to address the conversion of grassland and savannah
2. Preparation of a **Global Status Report** on Grassland and Savannah, focusing on areas of main concern, associated ecosystem services and restoration options
3. Lobbying for a **CBD target** on zero net loss of natural ecosystems
4. Highlighting grasslands in the **UN Decade on Ecological Restoration**, possibly through specific targets
5. Support the UNCCD's **Land Degradation Neutrality** target in grassland and savannah
6. Request IUCN support for holding a UN **International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**





## Suggested actions to support the resolution

Set up a small task force through the Grasslands Dialogue

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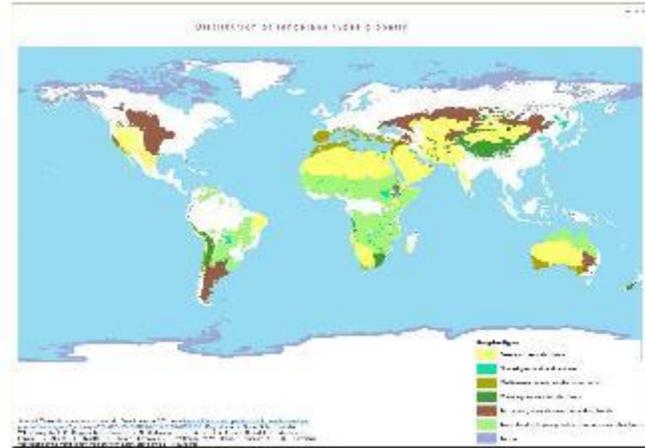
1. Letter to IUCN DG stressing the importance of grassland and savannah, highlighting IUCN's work on this, attaching the WWF publication and inviting support for other parts of the motion
2. Delivering the status report gradually as a series of outputs, starting with the Atlas, then a hotspots analysis, possibly more in the future
3. Producing an information note on grassland conservation for the Convention on Biological Diversity
4. Publishing a paper grassland and savannah restoration priorities in time for the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
5. Liaise with the UN Convention to Combat Climate Change on steps to support LDN
6. The International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists is approved

# Results from Working Groups



# Grassland and savannah working groups

- **Mapping / Data group, lead by Fiona Flintan**
  - First meeting on 13. April: Focus of the WG should be on information exchange and joint activities,
  - Meetings will be monthly and will include 1-2 presentation on interesting work, initiatives and innovations around mapping and data. Focus for the next meeting will be the rangeland atlas and discussion on next steps
  - Information will be shared such as list of database / data platforms
  - Discussion about generation and improvement of data assessment
- **Grassland hotspots group, lead by Nigel Dudley**
  - **List of key hotspots:** had first meeting, aim to identify hotspots from both a biodiversity conservation and social/cultural perspective
  - Initial work on indicators ongoing, main indicators identified
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of group early May
  - Draft, incomplete list developed this year, possibly in more detail later with new IKI funding



# **Up-Date Global Rangeland Atlas (Fiona Flintan)**

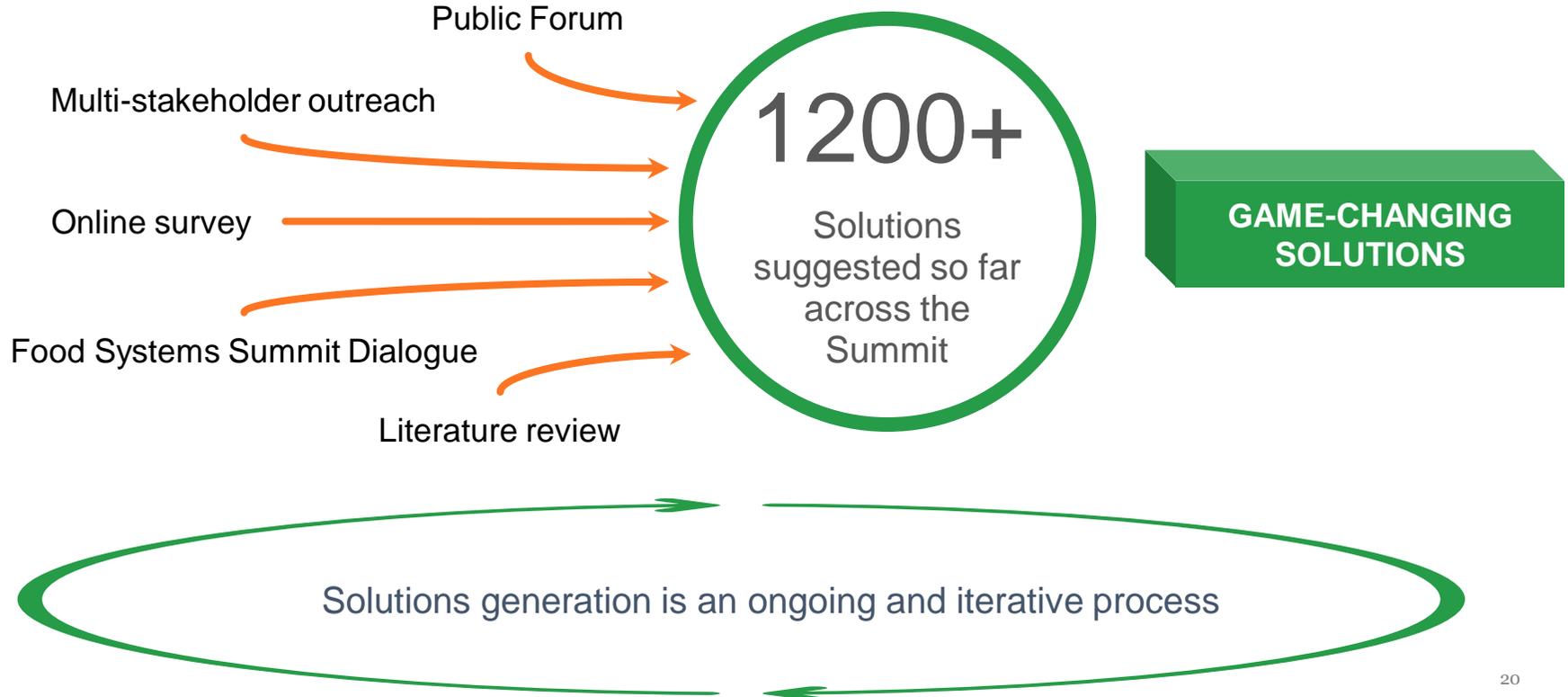


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FOOD SYSTEMS  
SUMMIT 2021

# UN Food System Summit

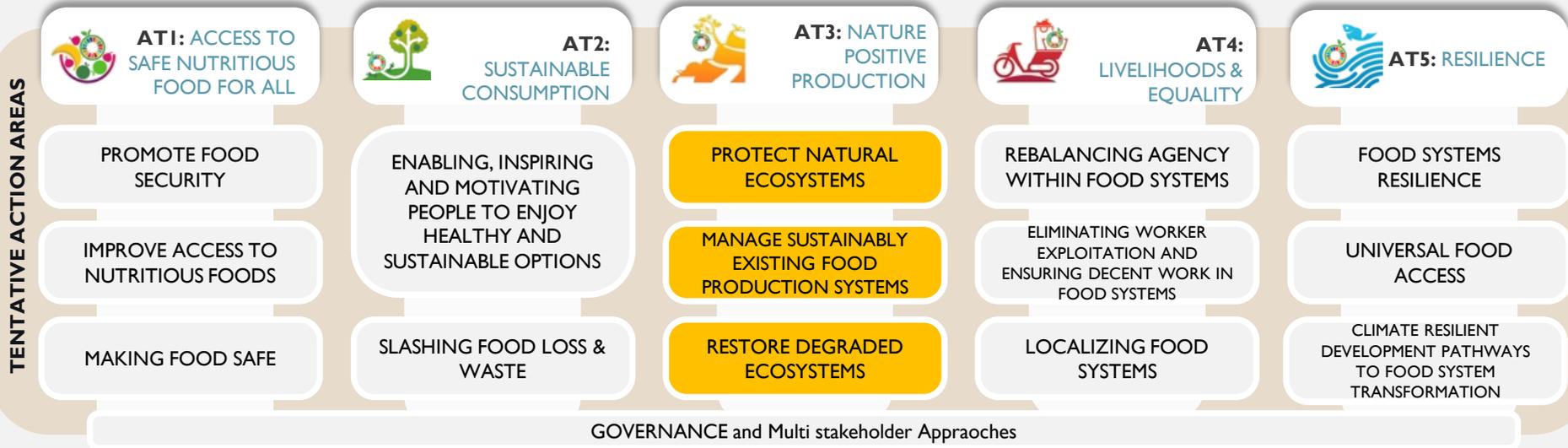


# DEVELOPING GAME CHANGING SOLUTIONS



# INTRODUCING ACTION AREAS

- The Synthesis papers of all ATs present the result of ideas submitted between December and February, integrated across Action Track teams (with the support of cross-cutting Levers of Change) and consolidated into 107 potential game-changing propositions.
- These propositions fall under **15 action areas**.



After consolidation with the support of the Scientific group and multiple stakeholder consultations, Action Areas could be the **starting point of coalitions of action** which could help national governments & multi-stakeholders adopt, on a voluntary basis, **transformational pathways, associated policy and behavioral shifts** towards more sustainable food systems.

# ACTION TRACK 3 | ACTION AREAS



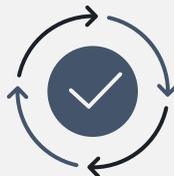
## Protecting

natural ecosystems from new deforestation and conversion for food and feed production

### **This Action Area will:**

- propose ways and means to safeguard natural ecosystems (on land, inland waters and oceans)
- ensure natural ecosystems are not further converted for food and feed production.

In particular, we will work to eliminate deforestation and conversion of natural habitats and overfishing from food supply chains.



## Managing

sustainably existing food production systems in land and water for the benefit of nature and people

### **This Action Area will:**

- design nature-positive and context-specific solutions increase input efficiencies;
- internalize externalities;
- increase yields within planetary boundaries;
- scale out agroecology and agro-biodiversity to reduce pressure on ecosystems while improving nutrition, livelihoods and enhancing resilience to climate change

Since there are no one-size-fits-all solutions, we embrace all nature-positive approaches, from digital farming to traditional and indigenous knowledge and seek to enable farmers and fishers to design nature-positive solutions for their own geographies and socio-economic contexts.



## Restoring

degraded ecosystems and rehabilitate soil function for sustainable food production

### **This Action Area will:**

- rehabilitate degraded and underperforming ecosystems (in soil, freshwater bodies and oceans) so that they can be brought back to life to generate ecosystem services, including those that support sustainable food production.

# ACTION TRACK 3 | ACTION AREAS | SOLUTIONS



## Protect

**natural ecosystems from new deforestation and conversion for food and feed production**



### Deforestation and conversion:

1. Transforming **commodity supply chains** to benefit people and to protect and restore nature



### Agri-food support (incl. subsidies):

2. A just transition to Sustainable agriculture through **Policy Reform and Public Support**



### Land-freshwater nexus:

3. Global movement to **protect and restore riparian buffers** in private agricultural lands



### Trade:

4. Develop a “**Codex Planetarius**” – a set of minimum environmental standards for global food



## Manage

**sustainably existing food production systems in land and water for the benefit of nature and people**



### Innovation:

5. Transforming **agricultural innovation** for climate, nature and people



### Livestock:

6. Adopting **nature-positive livestock production** systems  
7. Enable a **Just Transition of livestock production** to create jobs and secure livelihoods, mitigate climate change, improve health



### Regenerative agriculture:

8. Adopting **regenerative agricultural practices** for resilient landscapes at scale



### Agroecology:

9. Scaling-out **Agroecological Production Systems**  
10. Advance **wide-scale adoption of agro-ecology** within farms and rangelands



### Agrobiodiversity:

11. Increasing **agrobiodiversity** for improved production and resilience  
12. Broadening the **genetic base** of nature-positive production systems



### Blue Food

13. Sustain and Expand Sustainable **Resilient Blue Food Production Systems**  
14. Addressing ‘invisible’ underwater issues for food systems: **The “blue food” revolution**



### Indigenous peoples:

15. **Indigenous peoples’ food systems**: conservation and biocentric restoration



### Climate-smart agriculture fund:

16. \$200M **Climate Smart Food Systems Impact Investment Fund**



## Restore

**degraded ecosystems and rehabilitate soil function for sustainable food production**



### Grasslands and savannahs:

17. Restoring **grasslands, shrublands and savannahs** through extensive livestock-based food systems



### Monitoring and data:

18. Enhanced **restoration monitoring and data** to guide investment



### The Soils Hub:

19. Soils Investment Hub;  
20. Building global initiative to address **soil health and carbon sequestration**

# RESTORING GRASSLANDS, SHRUBLANDS AND SAVANNAHS THROUGH EXTENSIVE LIVESTOCK-BASED FOOD SYSTEMS

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## Solutions:

- Support Global Grassland Platform
- Development of a Global Data Platform on Grassland/Rangeland Ecosystems
- Development and Documentation of good practices on protect, manage and restore
- Raise awareness at global, national and local levels
- Improving investment in restoration of grassland ecosystems

**Next steps: Set up a team for further development of the solution and contribution to action areas**

**Up-date Global Landscape Forum**  
**<https://www.globallandscapesforum.org/>**  
**Side Events**

**Rangeland Atlas: 2. June 10:30 – 12.00**  
**UNFSS – UN DECADE : 2. June 18:30 – 19:15 CET**  
**Dryland restoration in Africa: Tbd**

**We have free tickets**