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What do the outcomes of the **UN Food Systems Summit** mean for **African food systems transformation**?

*A high-level policy conversation*

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Over the course of 2021, the Malabo Montpellier Panel at AKADEMIYA2063 has led several efforts to articulate and convey African priorities towards the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS). The Summit resulted in a variety of outcomes, emerging priorities, action areas, and coalitions. While these will mark important milestones in the transformation of Africa's food systems, we must maintain the momentum well beyond the Summit to ensure follow through on the commitments, targets set, and stakeholders' shared ambitions.

As we formulate the next steps to advance a food systems approach, we must not lose sight of the progress made to date. To further consolidate and elevate the continent's food systems, Africa must leverage existing structures and frameworks to drive food systems transformation. Africa's mutual accountability country

processes are critical for this, including the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Biennial Review and the agriculture Joint Sector Reviews. While the CAADP has undoubtedly focused national efforts on transforming agricultural sectors, it is now time to adopt a more systemic view of food systems transformation, well beyond the CAADP's current ambition of agricultural growth and transformation.

This High-Level Policy Conversation will assess how these continental frameworks can support and contribute to food systems transformation and strengthen them for better outcomes. The event is also an opportunity to reflect on efforts to advance progress under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its role in sustainable food system transformation in Africa.

# High-Level Speakers

A United Nations Food Systems Summit post-event, the virtual convening will feature relevant topics ranging from the African Union Commission's post-summit agenda to country-level post-summit strategies, delivered by an exciting line-up of policy and international development leaders.



**H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn**

**Former Prime Minister** of the Republic of Ethiopia;  
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**Dr Gilbert Houngbo**

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# High-Level Speakers...



**Dr Beth Dunford**

**Vice President**, Agriculture, Human and Social Development - AfDB



**Ms Maura Barry Boyle**

**Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator**, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security - USAID



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