

World Food Forum 2023 unveil agrifood systems transformation to enhance food security

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The announcements were made at a side-event organized on the sidelines of the 172nd Session of the FAO Council, and in the support of the UN's concurrent Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum, sub-titled: "Youth Leadership: agrifood systems transformation accelerates climate action".

"Last year, one in ten people went to bed hungry, while nearly 3.1 billion people survived on starchy staples because they could not afford fruits and vegetables. Two in three children do not have enough nutrition to grow to their full potential. Countries can take concerted action to reverse these grim trends by transforming their agrifood systems harnessing its immense potential for positive impact reducing poverty, hunger and inequalities. At the same time they can choose pathways of transformation of their agrifood systems that minimize the trade-offs to our environment, biodiversity and climate," said Máximo Torero, FAO Chief Economist and Chair of the FAO Youth Committee, in his opening remarks. He emphasized that transforming agrifood systems is a central part of the global climate solution, and young people are the heart of it as they act as the inheritors of these challenges, but also as innovators and advocates for change."