

Join us in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, for the first ever Food Day at a UN Rio Convention Conference of the Parties!



Co-organised by [WWF](#), [CGIAR](#), the [Committee on World Food Security \(CFS\)](#), [FAO](#), [CIFOR-ICRAF](#), [TMG Think Tank](#), [UN Environment Programme](#), [IICA](#) and the [One Planet Network](#), and hosted at the Rio Convention Pavilion, this full day event will encourage stakeholders to include food systems approaches in the implementation of the Rio Conventions on Desertification, Biodiversity and Climate.

The **UNCCD Food Day - Seeds of Change for a Nature-Positive Future** will focus on *cross-cutting policy responses spanning multiple global agreements, the interdependence of food system demand-side drivers and supply chains, and capacity to deliver a coherent suite of on-the-ground actions*. It will help countries, organisations and the science community develop stronger plans to achieve the UNCCD Land Degradation Neutrality targets. It will also help develop stronger plans to implement Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Climate Agreement, and work towards an ambitious post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

To feed a growing population healthy and nutritious diets within planetary boundaries, we must halt conversion of nature, limit food production to existing farmland and keep climate change to no more than 1.5°C. Restoring degraded ecosystems can deliver multiple benefits for people, nature and climate, particularly by restoring degraded farmland for nature-positive food production. Approximately 52% of all farmland is degraded and underperforming. We need to urgently scale up the implementation of restoration, by setting the right enabling conditions and incentives and return this land to nature-positive food production for the well-being of people.