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# WELCOME !

05.10.2022

# What's on the menu today?

1. Introduction
2. Post-UN Food Systems Summit, Stefanos Fotiou
3. Network space
4. News & updates
5. “10 facts on land”, Brigitte Portner



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# Post-UNFSS : UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Stefanos Fotiou,  
Director, Office of Sustainable  
Development Goals



**UNITED NATIONS**  
**FOOD SYSTEMS**  
**COORDINATION HUB**



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# SAY HI!

## Let's quickly reconnect

You'll be randomly assigned to a small group.

In the group, simply take a minute to say hi and introduce yourself.



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# WHAT'S NEW?

# HLPE Report #17 “Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition”

High Level Panel of Experts  
on Food Security and Nutrition  
(HLPE-FSN), CFS

[Learn more](#)



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**DATA COLLECTION AND  
ANALYSIS TOOLS FOR FOOD  
SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

Towards enhancing effective, inclusive,  
evidence-informed, decision making

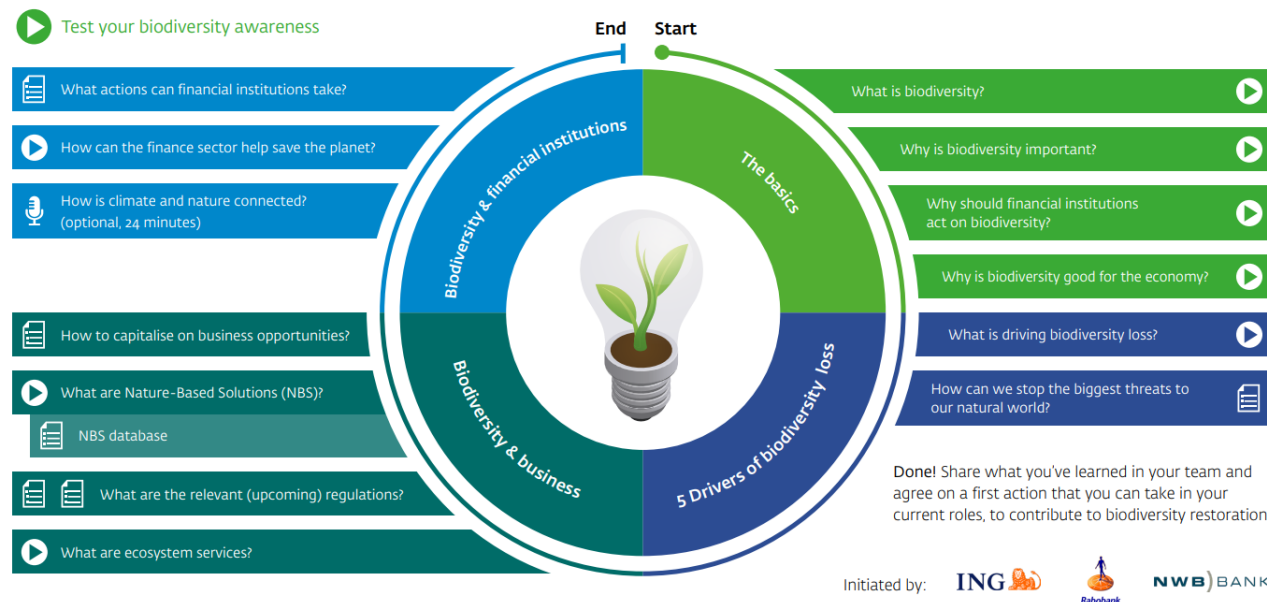
# Biodiversity in the financial sector – From pledges to action

A practitioners' Guide by the Working Group on Biodiversity under the Sustainable Finance Platform



# Biodiversity basics for professionals of financial institutions

Dutch central bank rolls out biodiversity e-learning module



Done! Share what you've learned in your team and agree on a first action that you can take in your current roles, to contribute to biodiversity restoration.

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# Food Systems Events in the Region of Asia

Asia-Pacific [symposium](#) on food  
systems transformation

5 – 7 October 2022 | Bangkok & hybrid

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Grow Asia [Forum](#)

18 October | Singapore



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## ASIA-PACIFIC SYMPOSIUM ON AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

5–7 October 2022 | Hybrid Event, Bangkok - Thailand | #APSAST #FoodSystems



GrowAsia

## Grow Asia Forum 2022

### Concept Note

17-18 October 2022 | Shangri-La Singapore





# Acroecology Learning Journey

Farmers' application of promising agroecological practices in the global South

18 October 2022 | 9-11 CET | [Online](#)



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# Food Systems Learning Journey

Next [FSLJ](#) event: Framings,  
Boundaries, and thematic linkages

31 October | 10-12h CET | online



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16 October 2022

# World Food Day



## UN World Food Day

16 October 2022 | [Global](#)



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# “10 facts about land systems for sustainability”

Brigitte Portner, Community & Development Officer,  
Global Land Programme



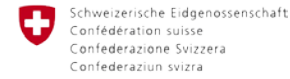
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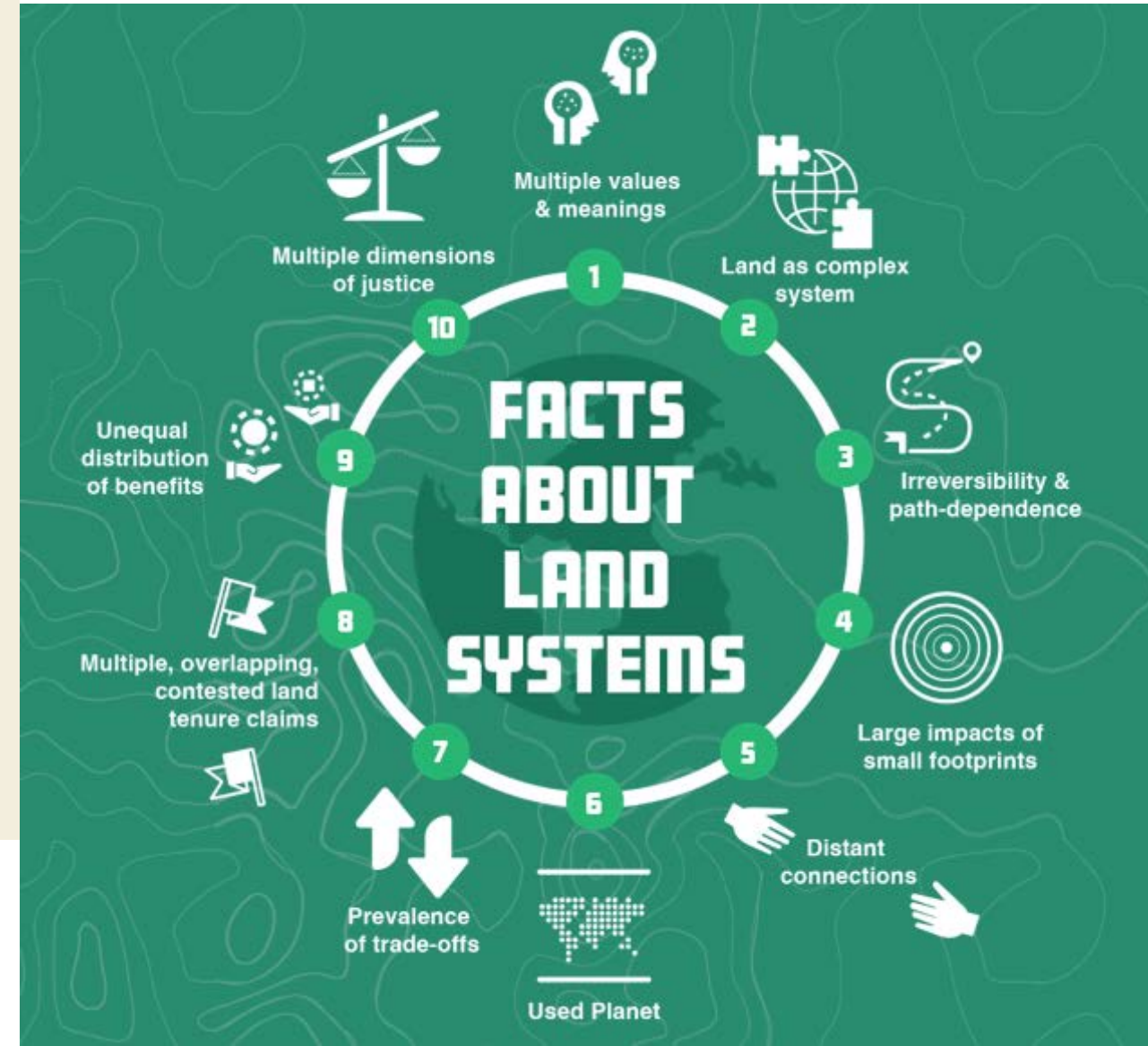
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# WHY LAND MATTERS

Land systems are the key element to overcoming existential challenges that humanity is facing and to achieving sustainable development. Wise use of global land is at the heart of:

- Securing the livelihood of millions of farmers
- Shaping sustainable food production
- Eradicating poverty and overcoming inequalities
- Valuing different cultures and worldviews, especially those of indigenous peoples and local communities
- Empowering women and ensuring gender equity
- Making cities and urbanization sustainable
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change and conserving biodiversity

# 10 FACTS ABOUT LAND SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY



**Multiple values & meanings**



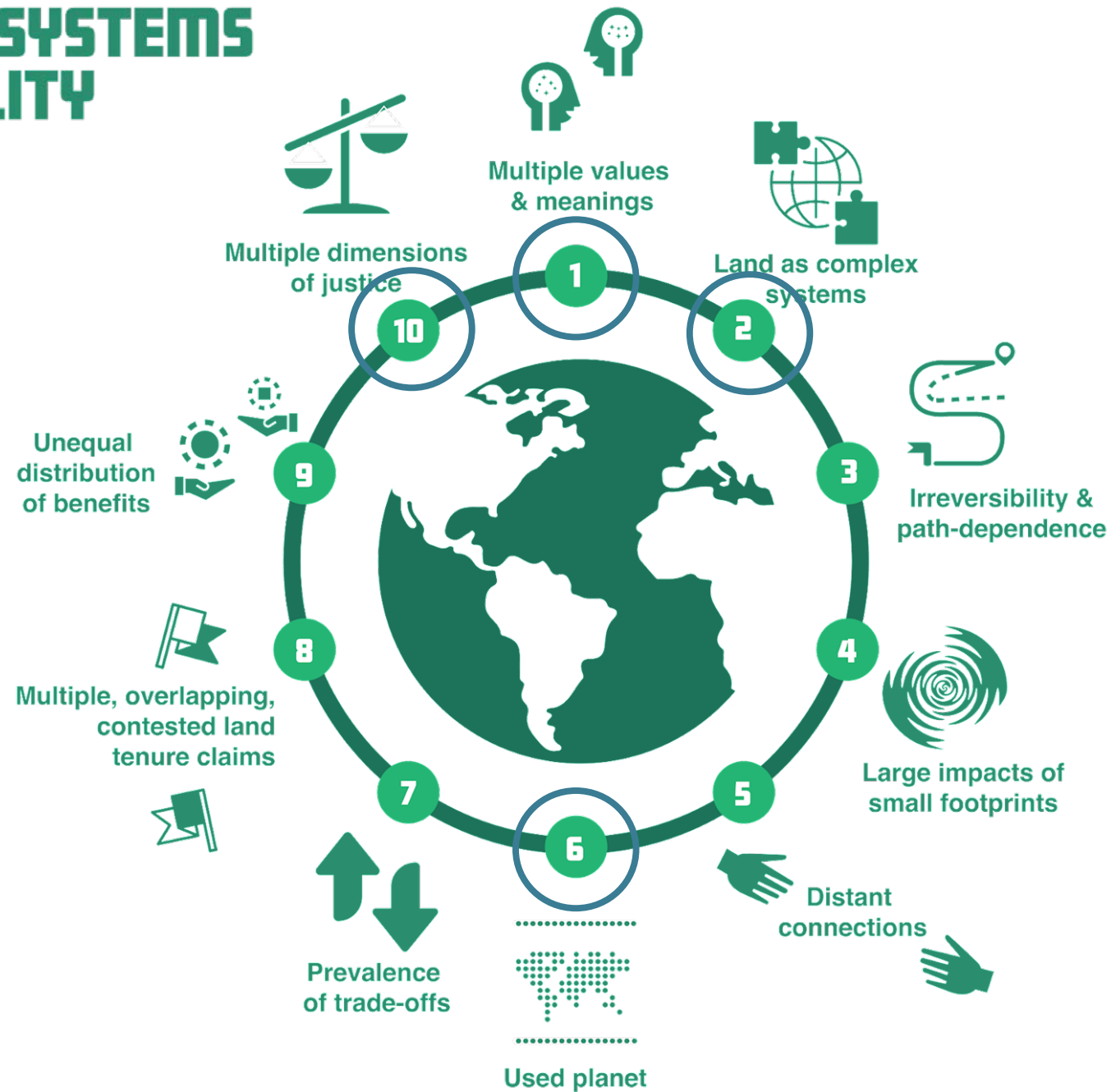
**Land as complex systems**



**Used planet**



**Multiple dimensions of justice**



# CHALLENGES

1

## CHALLENGE

Notions of land degradation and restoration are socially constructed and contested

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## CHALLENGE

Consequences are difficult to foresee and trace

3

## CHALLENGE

Loss of option value, shifting baselines, no return to original state

4

## CHALLENGE

Spillovers may be more important than direct impacts

5

## CHALLENGE

Solving local problems can displace issues elsewhere

6

## CHALLENGE

No "free" land that does not already provide benefits

7

## CHALLENGE

Prioritizing a single goal such as carbon nearly always reduces other benefits for some

8

## CHALLENGE

Identifying decision-makers and policy recipients is complicated

9

## CHALLENGE

Interventions always have distributions consequences

10

## CHALLENGE

Governance processes that do not acknowledge distinct forms of justice will be considered as unjust

NO. 1

# MULTIPLE VALUES AND MEANINGS

Land provides food, energy, and raw materials to human societies

Understandings of land are also deeply cultural and symbolic

Even as we see land changes differently, some changes -- such as soil erosion have observable negative impacts







# LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMAZON: "THE VERY SAME TREES"



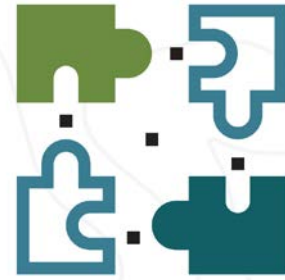
## CHALLENGE 1:

NOTIONS OF LAND DEGRADATION AND RESTORATION ARE SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED AND CONTESTED

# MORE SUSTAINABLE AND JUST SOLUTIONS REQUIRE:



Just solutions acknowledge multiple beliefs, values, visions of justice, and power differences



Contextual, adaptive; Avoid silver Bullets "One-Size-Fits-All" Panaceas



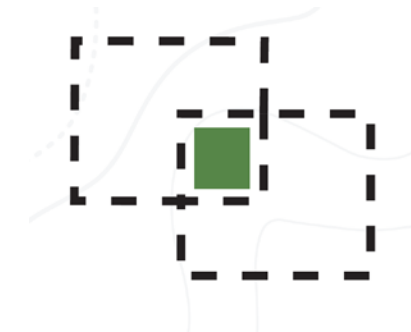
Consider spillovers across spatial and temporal scales



Preventing undesirable, irreversible impact brings more benefit than trying to restore land afterwards



Synergies important but combined with unavoidable trade-offs and managing demand



Avoid reinforcing inequalities address inequalities explicitly and acknowledge unclear land tenure

# Thank You!

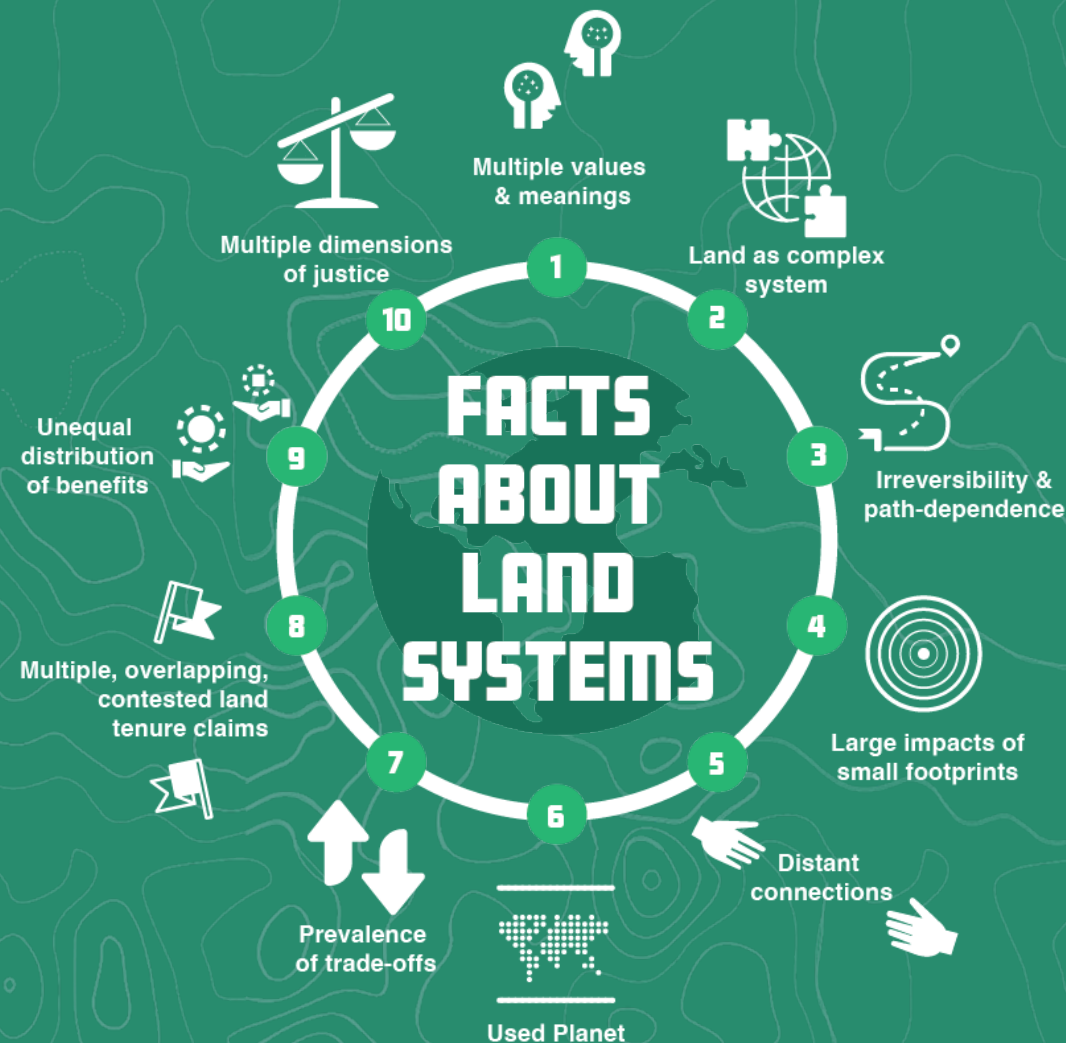
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# NEXT STEPS & A+FS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The presentations from today are available in the Shareweb at:  
<https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Agriculture-and-Food-Security/CUG/Pages/thoughts-for-food.aspx>
- We'll be back with more Thoughts for Food on 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Share news, topics and ideas with us



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Before you leave...

**What do you think about this meeting?**

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**Thank you!**  
**Stay well, stay safe and stay connected!**