



The SDC Agriculture and
Food Systems Network

Global F2F-Meeting 2023

Bridging Approaches, Linking Outcomes

Quo vadis? A short overview of where we come from and where we are going

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- Who you are
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- A glance back at the Food Systems Learning Journey
- A look forward to this week
- The road beyond Rome

The A+FS network in some numbers and facts

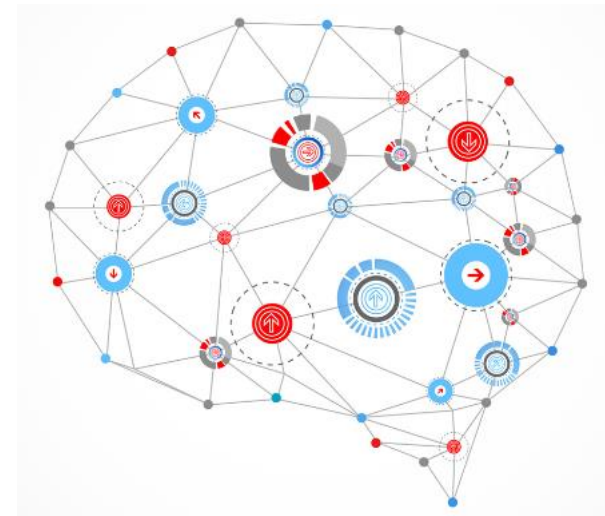
- Established in 2008
- As of Sept.2023:
 - Number of members: 480
 - Number of countries represented: 70
 - Distribution: 27% SDC // 73% partners
- Last F2F: 2016, in Switzerland

Who you are

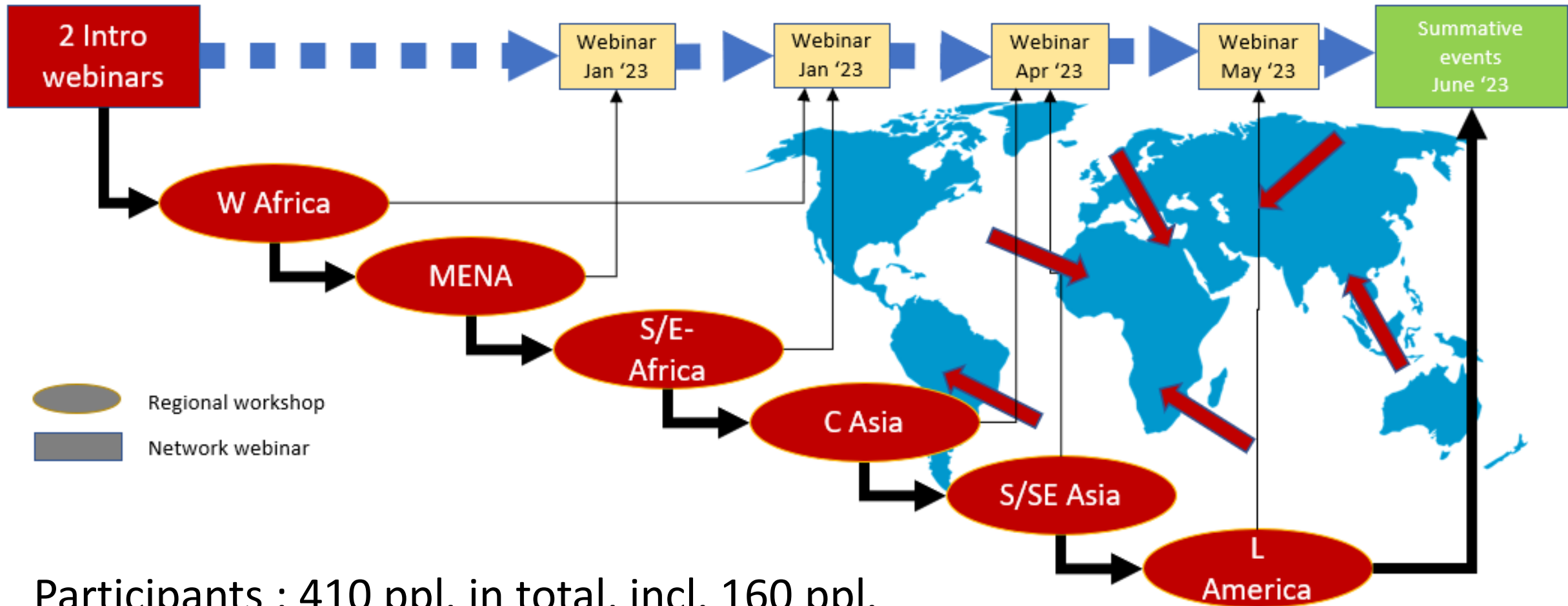
- Number of participants: 52 – 25 women and 27 men
- Number of countries
 - Africa: 10 (Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Zimbabwe)
 - Americas: 4 (Bolivia, Haiti, United States)
 - Asia: 3 (Cambodia, Laos, Tajikistan)
 - Europe: 35 (Belgium, Germany, Italy, Liechtensein, Moldova, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland)
- Where you are staying
 - Hotel Villa Carpegna: 32
 - Hotel Belstay: 14
 - Self-organising: 6

What our network does

- Learning processes
(e.g. FSLJ)
- Information exchange
(e.g. webinars, newsletters)
- Meetings – virtual or in person
(e.g. workshops, Th4F)
- Knowledge-building
(e.g. Focus areas)

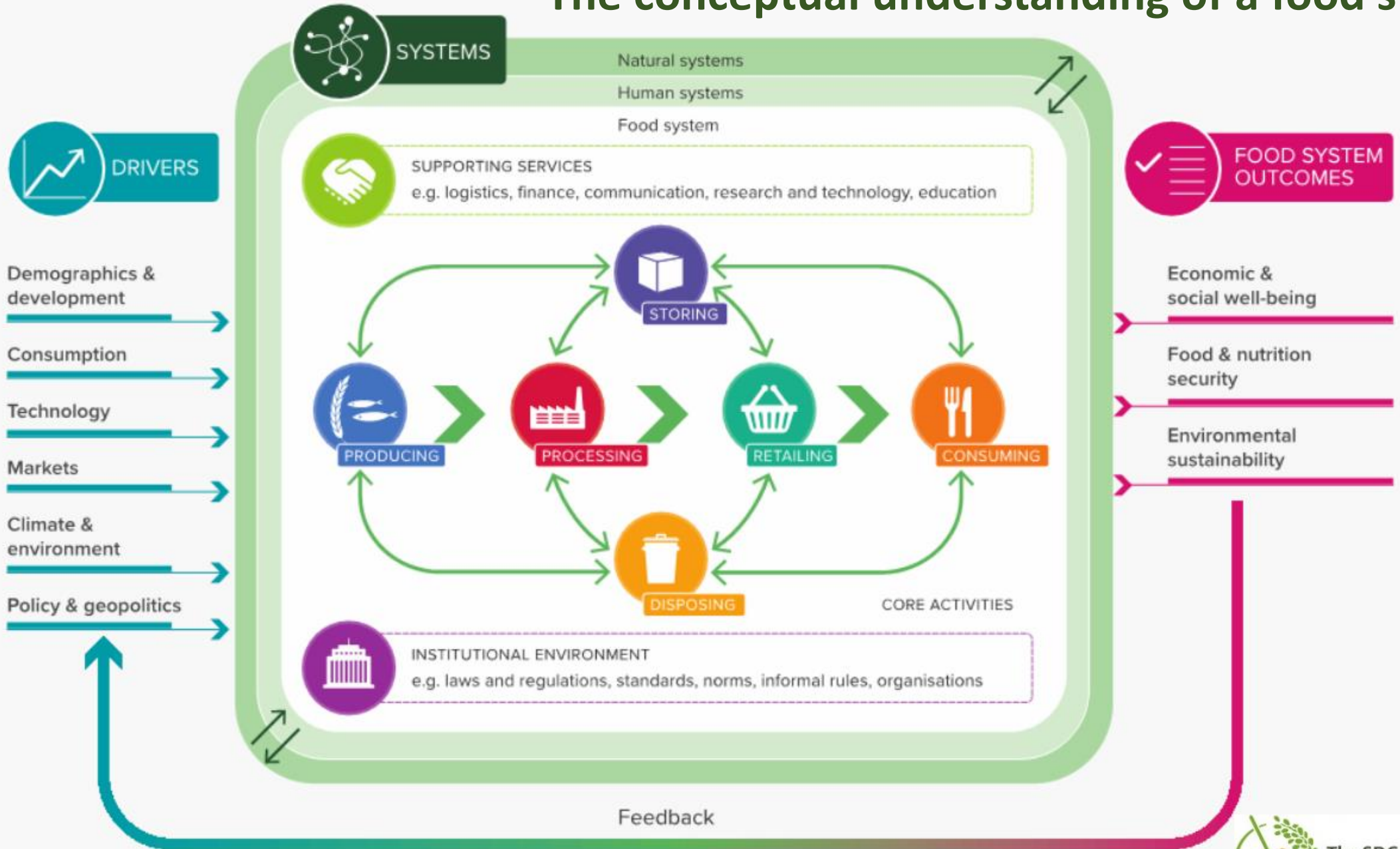


A glance back at our Food Systems Learning Journey



Participants : 410 ppl. in total, incl. 160 ppl.
over the 6 regional workshops

The conceptual understanding of a food system



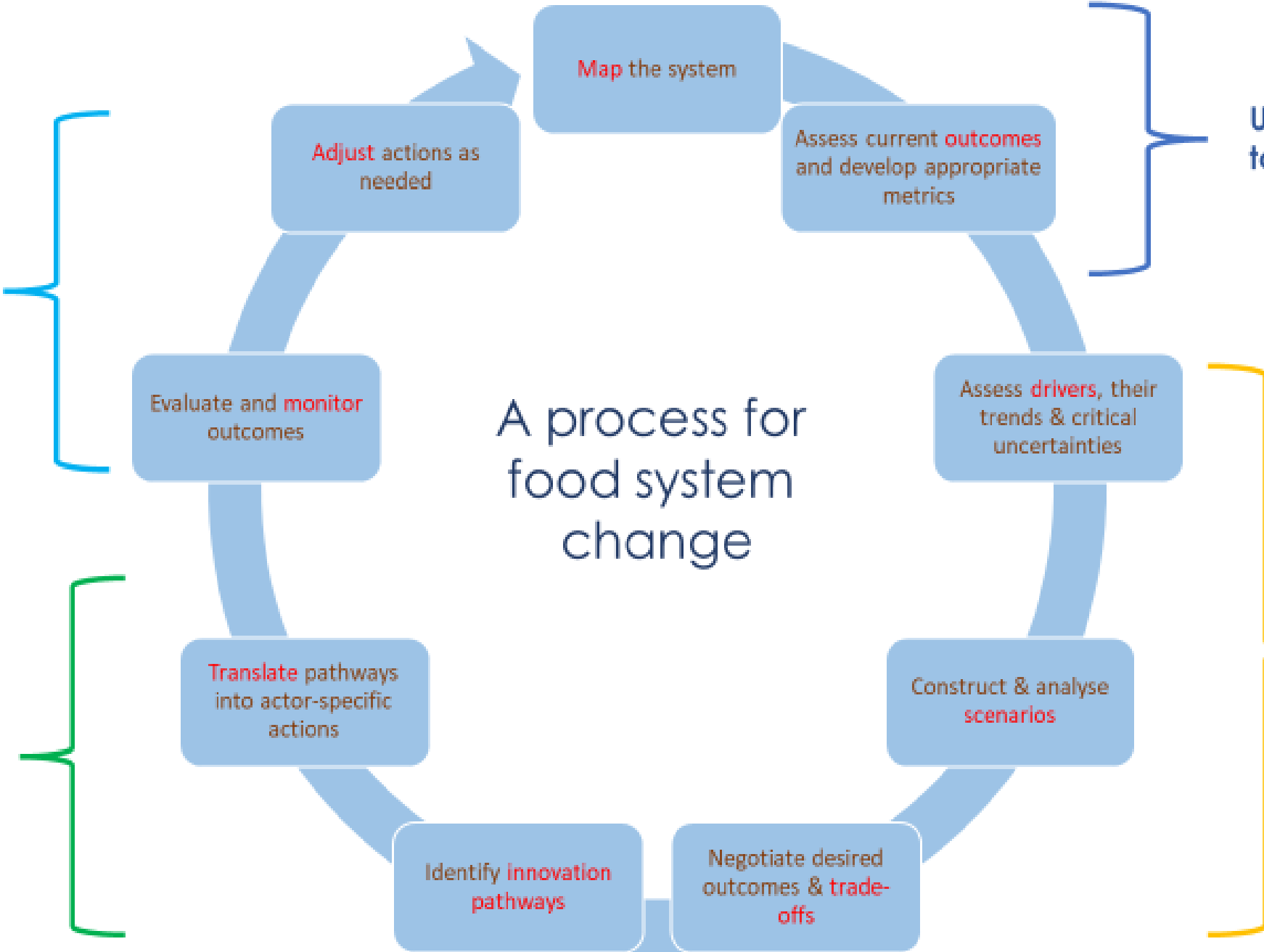
A process for food system change

Monitor & learn

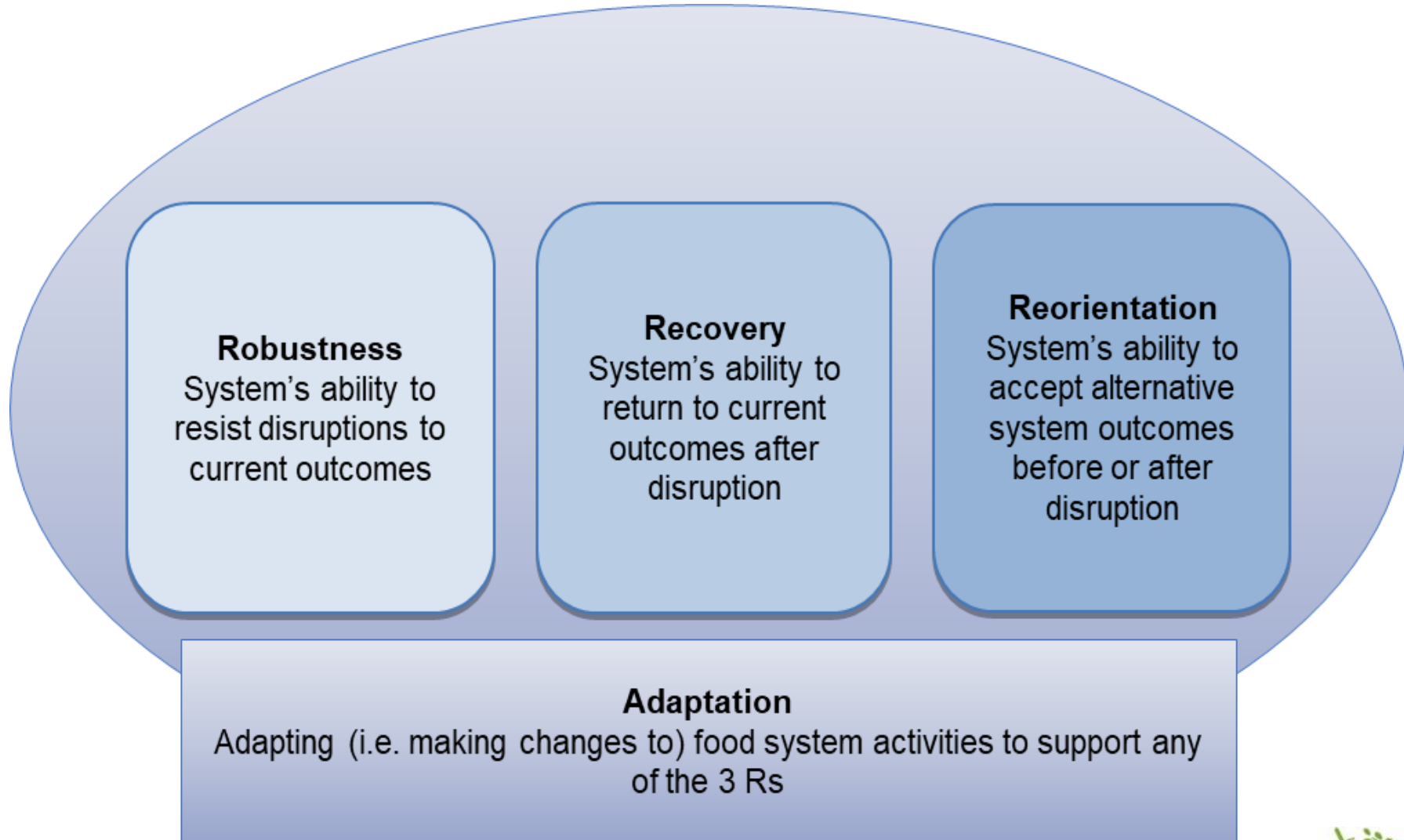
Understand today

Translate into action

Plan for tomorrow



Food systems transformation ... for:



Recommendations for SDC as a development agency

- Develop a conceptual framework for addressing development challenges related to food systems.
- Develop a guidance document on how to encompass and implement food system thinking in project design and implementation.
- Include food systems training as a core component in project commissioning.
- Promote gender and youth aspects more proactively.

Recommendations for SDC Cooperation Offices

- Map projects to conceptual framework to identify portfolio strengths and gaps.
- Encourage cross-thematic thinking based on interdisciplinary workshops.
- Develop region-level ‘Communities of Practice’ for sharing & knowledge building.
- Create and support a network of ‘Food Systems Champions’, at HQ and regional level, to maintain momentum.
- Run a series of Food System Implementation Clinics with food system specialists to provide support and advice.
- Consider gender and youth aspects in all analyses

This week ahead

Topics:

- Agroecology
 - Markets
 - The multilateral context
 - Youth & Gender
 - Nutrition
 - Humanitarian-Development Nexus
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- Explore food systems through the lens of drivers, incentives and values
 - Draw major insights and reflect what they mean for our community
 - Identify what our network priorities should be going forward

26th September - Day 1

8.00	<i>For those staying at Belstay Hotel: Shuttle to Hotel Villa Carpegna</i>
8.30	Registration
9.00	<p>Session 1: Official opening of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeting by Swiss Permanent Representative to the UN Organisations in Rome • Greeting by the A+FS Network Focal Points
9.15	<p>Session 2: Update on the Network and the programme information</p> <p>Getting started into the week with the organisation team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main takeaways from the Food Systems Learning Journey (FSLJ) • Network updates • Programme information
10.00	Break including Marketplace
10.30	<p>Session 3: Starting out systems thinking and agroecology</p> <p>Operationalising food systems thinking through agroecology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Agroecology & the environment</i>, Francesca Grazioli, Associate Scientist for the Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture Unit, Bioversity International ○ <i>Agroecology & Inclusivity</i>, Lauren Philips, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality, Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO ○ <i>Agroecology & rights</i>, Cristina Cambiaghi, Senior Thematic and Global Policy Specialist, International Land Coalition • Working groups around specific elements of agroecology: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Farmers' practices (2) Landscape approach (3) Policy environment (4) Impact assessment & measurement (5) Human rights-based approach • Consolidation session
12.30	Lunch

14.00	<p>Session 4: Expanding into markets Market Systems and Private Sector Engagement in Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Looking at incentives hindering or enabling agroecological environments</i>, Thouraya Triki, Director of Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division, IFAD ○ <i>Building resilient market systems and harnessing the private sector for enabling environments</i>, William Grant, Global Practice Leader, Market Systems Development, Development Alternatives Incorporated • Working groups around leading questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Ingredients of a well-regulated market (2) Consumers: options and behaviour (3) Rural-urban linkages (4) Financing and Impact investment (5) Managing the commons • Consolidation session <p><i>Will include break, refreshments and market place exchanges</i></p>
16.45	<p>Session 5: Cooperation between Rome's multilateral organisations in the pursuit of sustainable and resilient food systems (preparation of day 2) Speakers: Swiss team from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN Organisations in Rome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN Rome-Based Agencies ("RBAs") from the inside perspective in brief • What multilateral work consists of and why it is important
17.30	End of day 1
18.30	Free (self-organised dinner or visit into town)

8.00	<i>Departure from Hotels Villa Carpegna and Belsay by bus</i>
8.30	<i>Arrival at FAO Headquarters and security/entrance procedures, walk to German Room</i>
9.00	<p>Session 6: The role of the UNFS Coordination Hub and national pathways Speaker: Silvia Ekra, Deputy Head of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Hub's function, in particular in assisting national food systems transformation pathways • Takeaways from recent stocktaking event
9.30	<p>Session 7: Promoting youth participation across food systems Guest speakers: Pio Wennubst, former Swiss Perm. Rep., and Genna Tesdall, YPARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laying the normative basis for promoting young people's position in food systems • Mainstreaming the participation of young people in food systems • The challenges of youth in agri-food systems and how to address them
10.15	Break with refreshments
10.45	<p>Session 8: Nutrition and healthy diets Connecting to former sessions, what are good food systems outcomes for consumers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>How food systems can deliver more healthy and nutritious diets</i>, Lynnette Neufeld, Director of Food and Nutrition Division, FAO • Working groups with specific focus on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the new Food systems-based dietary guidelines (FSBDG) (2) FAO resources to make food composition, food availability and dietary intake data available (3) New e-learning and training modules and tools to mainstream nutrition (4) Advocacy and communication campaigns engaging adolescent and youth (5) Opportunities and challenges of multi-stakeholders and multi-sectorial food systems governance platforms at municipal / city levels (6) Communities' empowerment to diversify diets (7) Integrated and multistakeholders approaches of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive actions • Consolidation session
12.15	Lunch at FAO

13.30	<i>Departure to WFP Headquarters</i>
14.00	<i>Arrival at WFP Headquarters and security/entrance procedures, walk to Auditorium WFP's introductory words to the delegation, Speaker: Rasmus Egendal, Director PPR</i>
14.40	<p>Session 9: The RAM Resource Centre The RAM Centre's importance for humanitarian evaluation and action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Ronald Tran Ba Huy, Deputy Director RAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RAM's mandate, internal organisation, activities and products; How RAM work are used to inform the broader humanitarian system for short- and long-term response, especially in relation to food systems ○ Connections between RAM's work and data analysis done in FAO; cooperation with universities/research institutes • Q&A
15.45	<p>Session 10: The Humanitarian-Development Nexus WFP's work in relation to the Humanitarian-Development Nexus, and Resilience & Food Systems; The UN Rome-Based Agencies ("RBAs") from the inside perspective in brief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Volli Carucci, Director Resilience & Food Systems (TBC) and Giampiero Muci / Luca Russo on the HD Nexus and maintaining a food systems approach in fragile contexts and humanitarian operations. • Plenary discussion between SDC delegation and speakers, focus: how can food systems transformation be sought in severely fragile humanitarian contexts?
17.30	End of day 2
17.45	<i>Departure from WFP</i>
18.30	<i>Reception at Istituto Svizzero</i>
20.30	<i>Departure buses back to hotel</i>

8.30	<i>For those staying at Belstay Hotel: Shuttle to Hotel Villa Carpegna</i>
9.00	<p>Session 12: Consolidation session focusing on gender and youth (exact concept will depend on outcomes of the first two days)</p> <p>Absorbing the information of the previous two days in a systems-based concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender in food systems • Youth in food systems • Consolidation session
10.30	Break with refreshments and market place reflections
11.00	<p>Session 13: Recap session on working towards positive food systems outcomes</p> <p>Absorbing the information of the previous two days in a systems-based concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulling together insights on Agroecology, Markets and Nutrition • Reviewing trade-offs and opportunities
12.30	Lunch
14.00	<p>Session 14: Working together –A review of what the network is and does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of SDC and its reorganisation • Overview of network activities • Discussion of what is liked and less liked – contemporary ideas
14.30	<p>Session 15: Evaluate the strengths & weaknesses of the network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive session • How can we do the right things? / How can we do the things right?
15.10	Break with refreshments and market place reflections
15.30	<p>Session 16: So what do we do next</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current ideas of focal team for discussion • Inputs suggestions from members • Emerging: from discussion: priority topics, focus areas & knowledge management
17.00	<p>Session 17: What still needs to be said</p> <p>Anything that was not covered or given sufficient space during the past three days</p>
17.20	Session 18: Workshop evaluation and closing
17.30	<i>Formal end of the workshop</i>



29th September - Optional Day 4: *The Italian way: following the food trail out of Rome: A field visit starting at an urban food market and finishing with lunch at peri-urban food producers/processors*

7.40	<i>Departure from Hotels Villa Carpegna and Belstay by bus</i>
8.00	Testaccio Visit the Testaccio market, meet local merchants and producers, with a focus on Roman street food and kitchen. Food tasting. Guide in English
10.00	Azienda Agricoltura Nuova Travel to the organic farm Agricoltura Nuova on the outskirts of Rome. Review various products, with a certain focus on dairy. Possibility to take part in a workshop to prepare "ricotta" (a fresh cheese speciality of Lazio). Guide in English
12.30	Lunch - Freshly prepared lunch with seasonal, on-farm products
13.30	<i>Departure buses for Roma Termini train station (arrival 14.30) or airport (depending on departure schedule of participants)</i>



The road beyond Rome (emphasis of Day 3)

- Identify priorities
- Think about what things we should be doing as a network, and what we should not be doing
- Guidance framework for food systems
- How-too's
- Foresight planning

Q & A



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