



## Fourth Retreat of the Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance

Marlborough House, London

3-4 April 2025

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### 1. Introduction:

The Fourth Retreat of the Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance was convened from 3 to 4 April 2025. Hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat, at Marlborough House in London, the retreat had participation from a diverse group of partners across climate, food systems, water, finance, and resilience domains. The retreat served as a strategic opportunity to take stock of 2024 activities, reflect on structural changes in the Alliance, and define key activities for 2025. It brought forward themes of collaboration, policy and support, finance, country diagnostics, and institutional coordination to accelerate food systems transformation. The CRFS Alliance retreat started with a keynote address by Dr. Ruth Kattumuri, Senior Director of the Economic, Youth and Sustainable Development Directorate at the Commonwealth Secretariat. She acknowledged the importance of food systems in both mitigation and adaptation to climate. She challenged the Alliance to continue to innovate, collaborate and renew commitment to act and support the ambitious transformation of our global food system.

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**2. Strategic Activities and Deliverables in 2024:** The retreat started with a review of activities carried out by the CRFS Alliance in 2024, covering country diagnostics, workshops, webinars, policy briefs, advocacy and the Partnership on Water Resilient Food Systems.

**2.1 Country Diagnostics:** The CRFS Alliance's country diagnostics aim to align food and climate policies, identify transformation bottlenecks and opportunities, support resource mobilization and investment, and inform national planning and partner engagement. Diagnostics were a cornerstone of 2024's work and highlighted the need to bridge fragmented planning across agriculture, DRR, and climate. So far eight diagnostics have been executed, and reports have been published for Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Belize, Fiji, Pakistan, Panama, Lesotho and The Gambia.

**2.2 Capacity-Building Workshops:** In collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the CRFS Alliance hosted its first food and climate workshop in Lesotho (October 2024). This workshop focused on responding to priority gaps identified in Lesotho diagnostic and emphasized cross-ministerial collaboration. The result was the Thaba-Bosiu Food Systems Declaration, which includes actions such as farmer capacity building, conservation agriculture, infrastructure upgrades, behaviour change for sustainability, and finance mobilization. The Declaration was endorsed by national leadership and continues to inform national policies and implementation.

**2.3 Webinars:** The Alliance conducted webinars on innovation and technology, private sector engagement, and the water-energy-food nexus, each attracting 40–60 participants from various organizations. Two additional webinars are planned for 2025 to build on this momentum.

**2.4 Policy Briefs:** Short policy briefs were developed in 2024 to align members and advocate for shared priorities. Topics included comprehensive risk management (CRM) and integrated programming under the Rio Conventions. These briefs targeted both internal stakeholders and external audiences such as donors and country partners.

**2.5 Partnerships and Advocacy:** Advocacy has remained central to the CRFS Alliance. In 2024, the Alliance launched its third Advocacy Framework, supporting partners in aligning messaging at major global events. Collaboration with FAST, FAO, and World Bank has expanded the Alliance's influence on finance, resilience, and regional cooperation.

**2.6 Water-Resilient Food Systems (WRFS):** Launched at COP28, the WRFS partnership advanced through a framing retreat and consultations during COP29. A framing document is being finalized by IWMI and FAO. Though in early stages, the initiative aims to elevate water resilience in food systems policy.

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**3. Strategic Priorities and Activities for 2025:** Activities to prioritize during 2025 were outlined. These include regional food and climate labs, Rio Convention integrated programme pilot, country diagnostic lessons learnt, and support for implementing food systems related priorities in naps.

**3.1 Regional Labs on Climate-Food-Water Integration:** The Regional Labs, co-led by the CRFS Alliance and FAST (Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation) Partnership, respond to strong country demand. Held in priority regions, these immersive multi-day sessions will support climate-resilient food systems through tailored learning and planning. They will convene officials from key ministries, donors, private sector, and experts to explore regenerative agriculture, the water-food-climate nexus, climate finance, innovation, and alignment with global frameworks.

**3.2 Rio Conventions Food Systems Integrated Program Pilot:** The Rio Conventions Food Systems Integrated Programme Pilot is a joint initiative by the UNFCCC, UNCCD, and CBD to address the interconnected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and land degradation through integrated food systems policy. The pilot will be implemented in Ethiopia, Brazil, Vietnam, and possibly Somalia, chosen for regional diversity and strong national engagement with the conventions. The programme aims to identify policy gaps and opportunities through joint assessments, followed by multi-stakeholder consultations involving national focal points and ministries. Each country will produce a concise 5–10-page report, which will inform a broader Global Call to Action to be launched ahead of COP30 in Brazil. The initiative involves collaboration with UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD, FAO, CGIAR, FAST, UNDRR, and others, with funding discussions underway.

**3.3 Country Diagnostics Reports Lessons Learnt:** In 2025, two new country diagnostics are underway for Brazil and Somalia. Reports on these will be finalized and added to the existing set. Alongside this, a cross-country lesson learnt exercise will review diagnostics from ten countries to identify shared priorities and challenges.

**3.4 Support for implementing Food Systems related Priorities in NAPs:** Food systems feature prominently in National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), with strong linkages to the other thematic targets of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) such as water, health, and ecosystems. As a cross-cutting sector, food systems offer high-impact adaptation opportunities, especially in vulnerable contexts like LDCs and SIDS. Identifying opportunities to assist countries in implementing food systems related priorities of their NAPs will be essential.

**3.5 Webinars:** Building on the webinars held in 2024, two additional webinars are planned for 2025. The topics for these will be developed by the UNFCCC Secretariat and shared to all members.

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**4. Fundraising:** A key focus of the retreat was on fundraising. Participants reflected on how their respective institutions could support upcoming activities of the Alliance, and to brainstorm on potential new donors. Potential funders discussed included foundations (such as Mastercard, Post Lottery, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Bezos Foundation, Ikea Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation), and multilateral funds (for example the Global Environment Facility) and bilateral donors (such as Switzerland, the Netherlands, Ireland, France, Germany, the EU, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Japan). Members present at the meeting agreed to explore the possibility of a joint fundraising letter for selected activities cosigned by different members of the alliance. UNDRR and FAO emphasized the opportunity for the Alliance to join the Santiago Network, which provides technical assistance funding to countries for averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage.

**4.1 Rio Convention Integrated Programme:** Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) highlighted an ongoing collaboration with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), offering USD 20,000 in funding and staff support which can potentially align with Alliance activities. Furthermore,

an invitation was extended for CRFS representatives to present at FAST's June board meeting in Bonn to strengthen alignment and visibility among donor members

**4.2 Country Diagnostics:** are core internal tools for the Alliance but can also help countries engage partners and shape funding strategies, in future diagnostics their intended use and purpose should be clarified at the beginning of the document and if possible, a more “farmer-centric” perspective should be included. FAO expressed the willingness to lead the Diagnostic for Somalia.

**4.3 Funding for Regional Labs:** After the retreat a dedicated meeting, be held with World Bank, UNEP, Crop Trust, Commonwealth Secretariat and FAST to explore funding and capacity opportunities for the Regional Climate and Food Labs.

**4.4 Strengthen Secretariat Capacity:** Additional support is needed to maintain coordination and keep Alliance operations running effectively. FAST offered to coordinate the alliance which was welcomed by the members present. It was agreed that the UNFCCC will engage with FAST on progressing this after the meeting.

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## **5. Major Milestones and plans for engagement:**

**5.1 COP30:** COP30 will take place in November 2025 in Belém, Brazil, with agrifood system resilience likely to feature, though the presidency's agenda is still evolving. Themes such as deforestation, land restoration, and biodiversity may become central. The CRFS Alliance plans to host one or two high-level events to present key deliverables, including regional labs, diagnostics, and the Rio Conventions Pilot.

**5.2 UNFSS+4:** The United Nations Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4) will take place from 27–29 July 2025 in Ethiopia, co-hosted by Italy. With a shorter agenda than UNFSS+2, the event will focus on country-led progress in food systems transformation, accountability, and investment. Coalitions are encouraged to collaborate on joint thematic sessions, particularly around resilience and convergence, rather than organizing stand-alone events. To ensure meaningful engagement, the Alliance should focus on strategic visibility, avoid fragmented activities, and coordinate closely with partners like FAST and the HDP Nexus Coalition.

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## **6. Action points ensuing from the retreat are as follows:**

- **Regional Labs:** A dedicated meeting to be held with members who expressed a strong interest in the Regional Labs (UNEP, WB, Crop Trust, Commonwealth, FAST).
  - **Rio Convention Pilot:** CRFS Alliance will continue coordination across FAST and UNDRR.
  - **Country Diagnostics:** FAO will lead the development for Somalia, whilst UNFCCC will continue the development of the Country Diagnostics for Brazil. A clear framing of purpose and intended audience will be added in the initial chapter of the diagnostics. A lessons learnt exercise is intended to be carried out across the ten diagnostics, subject to capacity.
  - **Overall CRFS Alliance coordination:** A dedicated meeting will be held with FAO/FAST to define coordination next steps
  - **Mapping of Activities:** CRFS Alliance members will be required to review the mapping of activities (Annex II) and provide input in case they haven't done so already.
  - **Joint Fundraising:** Possibilities for a joint fundraising note will be explored for selected activities.
  - **Santiago Network:** Possibilities for the CRFS Alliance to join the Santiago Network will be explored.
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## Annex I – List of Participants:

Organization	Names of participants
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Crop Trust	Nelissa Jamora
FAIRR Initiative	Simi Thambi
FAO, FAST	Sylvie Wabbes Imogen Brierley Giulia Maria Galbiati
GAIN	Oliver Camp
Global Resilience Partnership	Julia Cadaval Martins Shuchi Vora
Global Shield Secretariat	Jonathan Auer
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Jack Rossiter
NDC Partnership	Clarissa Lehne
Pontifical Academy of Science, Vatican and Bonn University, ZEF	Joachim von Braun
Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) - UNICEF Hosted Fund	Jose Gestí
SEKEM	Helmy Abouleish
The Nature Conservancy	Lesley Atwood
UN Foundation	Lasse Bruun
UNDRR	Lukas Edbauer
UNEP	Jessica Troni
UNFCCC	Motsomi Maletjane Julia Weatherhogg Nandini Diwan Anna Lyubovitskaya Larissa Straube
UNFS HUB	Romain Houlmann
United Nations Capital Development Fund	Grégoire Borchard
WFP	Amelia Stewart
WFP - HDP Nexus Coalition	Emilie Chazelle
World Bank	Chris Carson Ioannis Vasileiou
WRI	Praveen Rajadiston

## Annex II – Overview of Member Activities

Name and Organization	Topics/Activities	Links
AGWA	Integrated national policy and planning approaches	<a href="https://www.alliance4water.org/water-resilience-tracker-for-national-climate-planning">https://www.alliance4water.org/water-resilience-tracker-for-national-climate-planning</a>
The Commonwealth Secretariat	<p>Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH): supports member countries, particularly small and vulnerable states, to access/secure funding to tackle climate change related issues by placing Commonwealth National Climate Finance Advisers and Commonwealth Regional Climate Finance Advisers in government departments and regional partner organisations respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NDC 3.0: Use CCFAH advisers based in countries to support integration of food systems into NDCs</li> </ul> <p>The Living Lands Charter: an agreement by the 56 Commonwealth countries to work in partnership towards</p>	<p><a href="https://thecommonwealth.org/">https://thecommonwealth.org/</a></p> <p>Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub   Commonwealth</p> <p><a href="https://thecommonwealth.org/our-work/living-lands-charter">https://thecommonwealth.org/our-work/living-lands-charter</a></p>

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	<p>sustainable land management by integrating the targets of the three Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UN CBD, and UNCCD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning a dialogue workshop with southern African (SADC) states on their NBSAPs including integration of elements like food systems and health into NBSAPs</li> <li>• Focus on Indigenous Peoples through the 'Indigenous and Local People and Climate Resilient Development' Thematic Working Group of the Living Lands Charter.</li> <li>• Focus on Water and Soil, particularly through the 'Soil and Water Conservation and Management' working group. Co-convenor for World Water Week 2025 session on Water actions to address the water/sanitation, health, climate nexus in Stockholm.</li> </ul>	
FAIRR Initiative	<p>FAIRR upcoming work on water scarcity and its risk to the livestock industry - investors and corporates. Potentially participating in the World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2025. Connect with <a href="mailto:simi.maini@fairr.org">simi.maini@fairr.org</a></p> <p>FAIRR's upcoming participation at COP 30- Bringing investor angle to agrifood discussion. Connect with Helena: <a href="mailto:helena.wright@fairr.org">helena.wright@fairr.org</a></p>	<a href="https://www.fairr.org/about">https://www.fairr.org/about</a>
FAST-FAO	<p>FAST: Development and publication of a 2025 edition of the annual climate-related development finance analysis on agrifood systems, covering the period 2013-2023 (latest reported year)</p> <p>FAST Workshop on bridging collaboration between multilateral development banks (MDBs) and agricultural public development banks (Agri-PDBs) to enhance access to finance for farmers – this is directly linked to the implementation of the Harmoniya Initiative launched at COP29, now a flagship programme under the FAST.</p> <p>FAO, as invited by its Committee on Agriculture in October 2024, will be scaling up its technical and policy support for the climate change, biodiversity, food security and nutrition nexus approach</p>	<p>FAST Partnership: <a href="https://www.fao.org/food-agriculture-sustainable-transformation-partnership/en">https://www.fao.org/food-agriculture-sustainable-transformation-partnership/en</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.climatepolicyinitiative.org/publication/the-triple-gap-in-finance-for-agrifood-systems/">https://www.climatepolicyinitiative.org/publication/the-triple-gap-in-finance-for-agrifood-systems/</a></p> <p>Latest analysis on climate-related development finance to agrifood systems from FAO: <a href="https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/64e63441-6646-4bc5-8153-52153677e8b">https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/64e63441-6646-4bc5-8153-52153677e8b</a></p> <p>2023 "The unsung giants of climate and nature investment" - <a href="https://www.iied.org/21976iied">https://www.iied.org/21976iied</a></p>
GAIN / I-CAN	<p>The Policy Coherence Tool is being piloted now and is turning up some interesting results, many of which will be shared (along with the tool itself and guidance materials) in June, ahead of the UNFSS, and hopefully during the SBs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piloted in all GAIN countries except for Rwanda and Uganda.</li> <li>• GAIN has country offices in: Indonesia, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Benin, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mozambique.</li> <li>• I-CAN work is in progress in Kenya, Tanzania, Brazil, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Nigeria</li> <li>• The six current tools for in-depth country support are: the Food Systems Dashboard, the Food Systems Countdown Initiative, the Policy Coherence Tool, the Political Economy Analysis tool, 3FS (Financing Flows to Food Systems), and the Global Dietary Quality questionnaire and database</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/">https://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.foodcountdown.org/">https://www.foodcountdown.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ifad.org/documents/d/knowledge/3fs-factsheet">https://www.ifad.org/documents/d/knowledge/3fs-factsheet</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gainhealth.org/media/news/political-economy-decision-toolkit-anticipating-policy-bottlenecks-food-system">https://www.gainhealth.org/media/news/political-economy-decision-toolkit-anticipating-policy-bottlenecks-food-system</a></p> <p><a href="https://globaldietarydatabase.org/welcome-global-dietary-database">https://globaldietarydatabase.org/welcome-global-dietary-database</a></p>
Global Shield	<p>Work in 16 partner countries</p> <p>Financial protection gap analysis</p> <p>Strengthen engagement with Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and other Loss and Damage Funding Arrangements.</p>	<a href="https://www.globalshield.org/">https://www.globalshield.org/</a>

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NDC Partnership	<p>The Partnership is supporting the next round of submissions of NDCs through the Global Call for NDCS 3.0 &amp; LT-LEDs. We will also be supporting NDC 3.0 Clinics at the UNFCCC Climate Weeks.</p> <p>In parallel, the Partnership is continuing to support the implementation of NDCs, including several activities related to agrifood.</p> <p>Please refer to the Knowledge Nook (kNook) to see what requests countries have submitted to the Partnership on this topic and which partners are responding to these requests.</p>	<p>Global Call for NDCS 3.0 &amp; LT-LEDs:  <a href="https://ndcpartnership.org/sites/default/files/2024-08/global-call-ndcs-30-lt-leds-brochure-ndc-partnership.pdf">https://ndcpartnership.org/sites/default/files/2024-08/global-call-ndcs-30-lt-leds-brochure-ndc-partnership.pdf</a></p> <p>Knowledge Nook (kNook):  <a href="https://ndcpartnership.knack.com/knook#home/">https://ndcpartnership.knack.com/knook#home/</a></p> <p>NDC 3.0 Navigator:  <a href="https://ndcnavigator.org/">https://ndcnavigator.org/</a></p>
Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)	<p>Provide a global report with different thematic areas (local reports to global report). Global Comprehensive Risk Management with thematic areas.</p> <p>Climate disaster management - Early warning Reaction.</p> <p>Support: Group of Governments (17)</p> <p>Early Warning for All Initiative</p> <p>Friends for early warning.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.early-action-reap.org/">https://www.early-action-reap.org/</a></p>
The Pontifical Academy of Sciences	<p>On UNFSS+4: Joachim von Braun (President of Pontifical Academy of Sciences) is member of the Advisory Board chaired by UNDSG Amina Mohamed, and member of the Science advisory Committee to the HUB for UNFSS.</p> <p>Background volume:</p> <p>A review of national pathways: see UNFSS (2021) –What Role Science and Innovation in the Summit and in Countries’ Plans and Why?</p> <p>On COP30: following a Summit in the Vatican chaired by Pope Francis in May 2024, Pontifical Academy of Sciences holds a series of regional climate resilience Summits with mayors, governors, scientists, youth and other stakeholders in 2025, in each of these, food systems links to climate resilience is addressed: California (Feb), Massachusetts (March 2025), Africa / Nairobi (June), Europe /Vienna (August), Brazil (date tbd, September).</p>	<p><a href="https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-15703-5">https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-15703-5</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.zef.de/fileadmin/webfiles/downloads/zef_dp/ZEF_DP_325.pdf">https://www.zef.de/fileadmin/webfiles/downloads/zef_dp/ZEF_DP_325.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.pas.va/en/events/2024/climate_resilience.html">https://www.pas.va/en/events/2024/climate_resilience.html</a></p>
The Nature Conservancy	<p>Modelling Climate Risk</p> <p>Global analysis of water risk</p>	<p><a href="https://www.nature.org/en-us/">https://www.nature.org/en-us/</a></p>
UNDRR	<p>Country engagements and technical assistance as part of UNDRR’s work on comprehensive risk management and integrating DRR and CCA, including with focus on the agrifood sector</p> <p>Policy analysis and technical support on the integration of DRR into NBSAPs in three pilot countries in 2025 (countries tbc.)</p> <p>Brazil: conducting policy analysis on coherence between DRR and climate action at national, sub-national (State of Pará) and local level (City of Belém)</p> <p>Development of a CRM toolkit/technical guideline for agrifood system resilience (to be further explored) as a potential follow-up of the CRFS Alliance issue brief on CRM</p>	<p>CRFS issue brief(s): <a href="https://unfccc.int/crfs-resources">https://unfccc.int/crfs-resources</a></p> <p><a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CRFS_Alliance_2024_Issue%20Brief_CRM_in_Agrifood_Systems.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CRFS_Alliance_2024_Issue%20Brief_CRM_in_Agrifood_Systems.pdf</a></p> <p>UNDRR - working mainly on comprehensive risk management (<a href="https://www.undrr.org/cr">https://www.undrr.org/cr</a>)</p>

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UNFCCC	<p>NAP 3.0 initiative</p> <p>Updated NAP technical guidelines</p> <p>NAP Expo 2025 - opportunity to engage with countries and other partners</p> <p>NWP focus on agriculture and food security: knowledge, research</p> <p>GGA thematic target on food and agricultural systems, nutrition. Work on indicators</p> <p>TEC/FAO policy brief on Climate Technologies for Agrifood System Transformation: Placing food security, climate change and poverty reduction at the forefront</p> <p>MPGCA: land use thematic area, intersects with food</p> <p>LCIPP: emerging themes for 2025 "Collective Stewardship and the recognition of Indigenous food and water systems as vital climate solutions</p> <p>Article 6.4: opportunity for innovation projects - financing</p> <p>Loss and damage: tackling food insecurity</p>	<p><a href="https://unfccc.int/">https://unfccc.int/</a></p>
World Bank	<p>"Scaling Next Generation Rice" Impact Program (WBG Academy) launches in Philippines on June 10-11</p> <p>Food Systems Climate Action Plans: 6 countries in eastern and southern Africa, including Malawi and Zambia. Assessing the entire processes of food systems, with a focus on mitigation</p> <p>Biodiversity Flagship report from an agricultural perspective (ongoing)</p>	<p>"Scaling Next Generation Rice" Impact Program (WBG Academy):  <a href="https://academy.worldbank.org/en/our-programs/by-theme/low-methane-rice">https://academy.worldbank.org/en/our-programs/by-theme/low-methane-rice</a></p> <p>Results Brief on CSA:  <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/results/2024/12/05/climate-smart-agriculture-from-knowledge-to-implementation">https://www.worldbank.org/en/results/2024/12/05/climate-smart-agriculture-from-knowledge-to-implementation</a></p> <p>MDB Common Approach to Measuring Climate Results (announced at COP29):  <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/factsheet/2024/11/12/mdb-common-approach-to-measuring-climate-results">https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/factsheet/2024/11/12/mdb-common-approach-to-measuring-climate-results</a>  The actual indicators can be found here:  <a href="https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/09981151112496502/idd199acbc4c1fed31487618e9417829cf8efe5d">https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/09981151112496502/idd199acbc4c1fed31487618e9417829cf8efe5d</a></p>
World Farmers' Organisation	<p>As the Focal Point of the UNFCCC Farmers' Constituency, WFO is coordinating consensus positions on the SB agenda and COP30 priorities. Focus areas include NDCs, climate finance (including Art. 6.4 and the Special Fund review), the GGA, and operationalising the FRLD. WFO is also monitoring developments around the SJWA and JTWP and sits on the Board of the FAST Partnership.</p> <p>As Vice-Chair of the UN Decade of Family Farming, WFO is committed to elevating the voice of family farmers in the global food and climate debate.</p> <p>WFO is working to foster synergies between climate and food security, including connections with biodiversity, soil, and water.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.wfo-oma.org/">https://www.wfo-oma.org/</a></p>



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World Resource Institute	Strategy for climate change adaptation within WRI.  Building capacity of Ministries of Finance.	<a href="https://www.wri.org/">https://www.wri.org/</a>

### **Annex III - 2025 Events and Participation Overview**

Event	Organizer	Date	Location	Participants / Organizations	CRFS Relevance / Notes
UNFSS+4 Regional Prep Meetings	Food Systems Hub and Italy	March to May 2025	Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Arab Region, Africa	Food Systems Hub	
Climate Week Panama	UNFCCC	May 2025	Panama	FAO, UNDRR, UNEP, World Bank, Commonwealth, CRFS Alliance	Opportunity for a mini CRFS workshop; strong Alliance visibility expected
World Health Assembly	World Health Organization (WHO)	May 2025	Geneva, Switzerland	I-CAN, GAIN, Commonwealth	Opportunity to integrate food systems in health systems discussions
One Planet Sustainable Food Systems Conference	One Planet Network	May 2025	Brazil	Food Systems Hub, Commonwealth	Opportunity to spotlight CRFS approach on health and sustainability
SB62 (Subsidiary Bodies)	UNFCCC	June 2025	Bonn, Germany	FAO, UNEP, World Bank, UN Foundation, Commonwealth, World Farmers' Organisation, CRFS Alliance	Alliance presence confirmed; high-level event with Crop Trust planned
FAST Board Meeting	FAST	June 2025	Bonn, Germany	FAST, CRFS Alliance (invited)	Strategic moment to present Alliance activities to donors; bilateral pre-meeting proposed
FAST Forward Meeting	FAST	June 2025	Bonn, Germany	FAST	Focus on accelerating climate action and resilience through finance
Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	UNDRR	June 2-6, 2025	Geneva, Switzerland	UNDRR	Critical moment to reflect on needs and scale up disaster risk reduction
Scaling Next Generation Rice Impact Program Launch (part of the WBG Academy)	World Bank	June 10-11, 2025	Philippines	World Bank	Participation by invitation; flagship knowledge-sharing event
UNFSS+4	UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, Government of Ethiopia	July 2025	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	FAO, FAST, Food Systems Hub, UNEP, IFAD, UN Foundation, World Farmers' Organization, CRFS Alliance	Resilience and convergence initiative plenaries, an entry point for the alliance is the country diagnostics, we will collaborate with the HDP coalition and the agroecology coalition



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Financing for Development Summit	UNDESA	July 2025	Sevilla, Spain	I-CAN, GAIN	
NAP Expo 2025	UNFCCC	TBD August 2025	Zambia	Commonwealth, CRFS Alliance, IFAD	Extension of Lesotho workshop; supports NAP implementation
World Water Week	SIWI	August 2025	Stockholm, Sweden	Commonwealth	
Pan-European Summit	The Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, Austrian Academy of Sciences	August 28 – 29, 2025	Vienna, Austria	The Pontifical Academy of Sciences, CRFS Alliance	
African Food Systems Forum	AFS Forum	September 2025	TBD	I-CAN, GAIN	Continental platform for food systems dialogue and action
START Finance Forum	FAST	September 8–9, 2025	Rome (FAO HQ)	FAST	Thematic focus on sustainable ecosystems and agriculture resilience
Climate Week NYC	Climate Group	September 21 – 28, 2025	New York City, United States of America	World Farmers' Organisation	
2025 Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) Forum	FAO	September 2025	Rome, Italy	World Farmers' Organisation	
2nd Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation	FAO	September 29 – October 1, 2025	Rome, Italy	World Farmers' Organisation	
Stockholm Food Forum	EAT Foundation	October 2025	Stockholm, Sweden	I-CAN, GAIN	
Committee on World Food Security	FAO	October 2025	Rome, Italy	I-CAN, GAIN	
CSIR@80   G-STIC Conference	G-STIC, CSIR	October 8 - 10, 2025	Pretoria, South Africa	G-STIC	Sessions on water, WEFE, agriculture & insurance, EWS, etc.
World Food Forum Flagship Event	FAO	October 10 –17, 2025	Rome, Italy	World Farmers' Organisation	
Protein Diversification Roundtable	UN Foundation	November 2025	Belém, Brazil	UN Foundation	Likely side event at COP30 on equitable protein access
SUN Global Gathering	SUN	November 2025	Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda	I-CAN, GAIN	
G20 Summit	G20 Presidency, South Africa	November 2025	Johannesburg, South Africa	I-CAN, GAIN	
COP30	UNFCCC, Government of Brazil	November 2025	Belém, Brazil	FAO, FAST, UNEP, UNDRR, World Bank, UN Foundation, IFAD, World Farmers'	Events for food systems; focus on implementation and resilience; logistical challenges noted



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UNEA-7 (Environment Assembly)	UNEP	Early December 2025	Nairobi, Kenya	UNEP, Commonwealth, World Farmers' Organization	Environmental governance; CRFS could connect resilience themes