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Agroecology Coalition

AGROECOLOGY COALITION'S GUIDE TO UNFSS +4

27-29 July 2025, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Mission, events, delegation, resources

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WHO WE ARE



In 2021, the **United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS)** focused attention on the need for concerted action to rethink food systems. The Agroecology Coalition was set up in this context to provide a mechanism for countries and organizations to accelerate the **transformation of food systems** through agroecology by facilitating collective action and empowering members with capacities needed to drive positive change at all levels.

Our work is guided by the **Principles and Elements of Agroecology.**

As of July 2025, Coalition members comprise of more than **50 governments**, three regional commissions, three sub-national administrations and around **340 organisations**, including: farmers' associations, research institutions, Indigenous peoples' organisations, UN and other international organizations, philanthropic foundations, civil society/non-governmental, organisations, small and medium enterprises.

In June 2024 we launched our 2024- 2030 strategy. Check it out: it is available in English, French and Spanish.

Join us!

Are you a government or an organization interested in supporting the transformation of food systems through agroecology?
Take a look here to find out how to joint the Agroecology Coalition!

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WHAT IS AGROECOLOGY

- Agroecology is an **environmentally and socially sustainable** approach to food and farming that prioritizes diversity and working with nature, not against it.
- Agroecology benefits **nature**, animals, water systems and trees, as well as people.
- Agroecology is the cornerstone of a new food economy that is productive, **resilient** and sustainable. There is plenty of scientific evidence showing the benefits of Agroecology in terms of yields and on food security.
- Agroecology applies the science of ecology to sustainable food systems; it draws on diverse knowledge generated by farmers and scientists; and serves social justice. In other words, agroecology is a **science, a practice, and a social movement.**

The principles and practices of agroecology are backed by scientists, consumer associations, social movements, farmers, governments and international institutions to sustainably feed a growing population while conserving nature and strengthening communities.

Check out the infographic on Principles and Elements of Agroecology.



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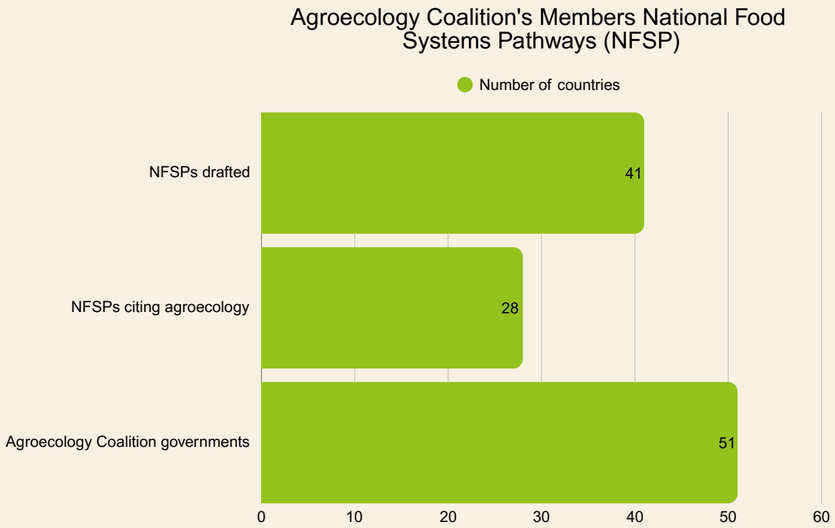
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THE AGROECOLOGY COALITION AT THE UNFSS +4

Since its inception in 2021, the Coalition has actively collaborated with other *Coalitions of Action* and engaged in various global fora, including the UN Climate, Biodiversity and Desertification COPs, to advance agroecological transformation.

The Agroecology Coalition has also served as a peer-to-peer platform, enabling countries to exchange experiences, inspire one another, and explore ways to integrate agroecology into their **national food system pathways**. As of 15 July 2025, of the 51 member countries in the Coalition, along with the European Union, 41 have drafted a National Food Systems Pathway (NFSP), and 28 of those explicitly referenced agroecology.



In 2023, the Coalition participated in the **UNFSS+2 Stocktaking Moment**, where it co-organized a side event focused on agroecology, soil health, and nutritious diets. Read a recap of the event here. Switzerland also represented the Coalition in the Leadership Dialogue “How do coalitions support governments?” See the video here; Read the Report here

A significant milestone during UNFSS+2 was **Brazil's announcement** of its membership in the Coalition, an important step in strengthening global commitment to agroecology. As you all know, Brazil is hosting COP30 in Belem this year.

Looking ahead to the UNFSS+4 in Addis Ababa, the Agroecology Coalition will continue its advocacy through side events and interventions, emphasizing the role of agroecology in transforming food systems.

Some members of the Agroecology Coalition however have expressed concerns about the UNFSS process and align with the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples’ Mechanism (CSIPM) in their critique. See their position here.





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EVENTS ON AGROECOLOGY AT UNFSS +4

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27 July 2025
14:00–15:15 PM EAT
SIDE EVENT

From Aspiration to Action: Country Experiences on Mainstreaming Agroecology as Food System Transformation Pathway

CAUCUS ROOM 11

28 July 2025
13:00–14:15 PM EAT
SIDE EVENT

Leveraging Food Systems for Rio Synergies: The Role of Multistakeholder Approaches

CONFERENCE ROOM 5

28 July 2025
15:00–16:20 PM EAT
FOOD PRODUCERS - LED SESSION

Farmers' Organizations: Key Enablers of Sustainable Food Systems Through Agroecology

CONFERENCE ROOM 5

29 July 2025
13:00–14:15 PM EAT
SIDE EVENT

From Riyadh to Mongolia: Bridging Action for Agroecology and Soil Health to Transform Food Systems

LARGE BRIEFING ROOM

Events will take place at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Visit the events page on our website for more information:

Come visit us also at our booth in the Exhibition Area!

RESOURCES ON AGROECOLOGY

By Agroecology Coalition and members

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AGROECOLOGY CASE STUDIES

Our members implement a variety of projects and initiatives to promote agroecology and illustrating how the Agroecology Principles and Elements can be operationalized in various contexts. From Asia (India, Nepal, Himalayas), Africa (Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Tchad, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger), the Middle East (Lebanon), to Latin America (Colombia, Nicaragua, Ecuador) and Europe many organizations work together to implement projects and initiatives to transform the food systems through agroecology.

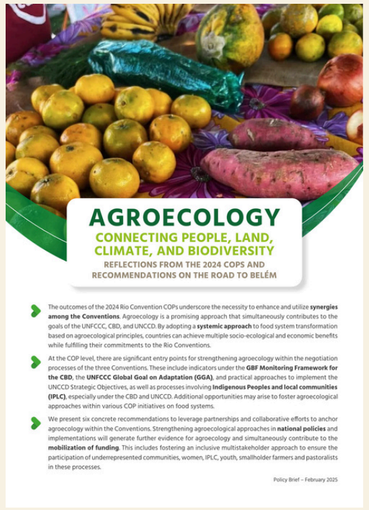
All case studies:







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All resources:

OUR DELEGATION AT UNFSS +4

The Agroecology Coalition will be represented in Addis Ababa by a diverse and delegation at UNFSS+4. We'd be delighted to meet with you to discuss our mission. To schedule an appointment, feel free to contact us at **secretariat@agroecology-coalition.org**. You're also warmly invited to visit our booth in the Exhibition Area.

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Oliver Oliveros

Agroecology Coalition
Executive Coordinator

Languages spoken: English, French, Italian, Filipino

Oliver has taken on the role of Coordinator of the Agroecology Coalition since February 2023. He was the interim Executive Director of the Global Alliance for the Future of Food and was Deputy Director at Agropolis Fondation. Before coming to Europe in 1999, Oliver served at the Ministry of Socio-economic Planning in the Philippines where he was extensively involved in project evaluation and investment programming in the agriculture, rural development, and natural resources sector as well as in the formulation of the country's Agenda 21 and Medium-Term Development Plan. He has more than 20 years of professional experience in the areas of food systems, agroecology, sustainable development, science-policy interface, rural development and multi-stakeholder engagement.



Dao The Anh

Member of the Agroecology Coalition
Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Languages spoken: Vietnamese, English, French

Dr. Dao The Anh, Vice-President of Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS) and Vice President of Vietnam Sciences for Rural Development (PHANO). He is the national convener of Food system in Vietnam, member of CIRAD's scientific committee 2022-2025 and foreign member of French Academy of Agriculture. As a systemic scientist, he has developed an experience of 35 years in research agrarian system, food system, food value chain and family farming.His topics focused on agroecology, sustainable food system transformation, urban farming transition, livelihood diversification and biodiversity, cooperative development, food safety management and certification, branding for agricultural products and territories. Recently, he focused in the research and policy advocacy of agroecology transition, food environment for food and nutrition securities at national, regional and international levels, particularly in the South-South cooperation.



Irish Baguilat

Member of the Agroecology Coalition
Asian Farmers Association

Languages spoken: English, Filipino

IIrish Baguilat is the Coordinator for Sustainable Agriculture & Women Farmers' Agenda at the Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA). In this capacity, she represented small-scale and family farmers at high-level international forums and multi-level processes, including the UNFCCC, UNFSS, FAO Regional Consultations, the Lao-facilitated Initiative on Agroecology (LICA), and ASEAN processes.



Raoul Mille

member of the Agroecology coalition
Science advisor at the French
Permanent mission to UN in Rome

Languages spoken: French, English, German, Russian

Raoul Mille is a forestry engineer and civil servant with a career spanning forest genetics research, public forest management, and international cooperation. He has worked in diverse ecosystems—from France to French Guiana—and led major afforestation and fire prevention projects in Lebanon. Since 1999, he has been active in science diplomacy and European research networks, including roles at Cemagref, Irstea, and INRAE, focusing on biodiversity, water, and sustainable development. At INRAE, he helped lead international programs on agroecology, climate, and zoonoses. Since October 2023, he serves as Science Advisor at France's Permanent Mission to the UN agencies in Rome, representing CIRAD, INRAE, and IRD.



Tadeo Ajuna

member of the Agroecology Coalition
Science advisor at the French
Permanent mission to UN in Rome

Languages spoken: English

Tadeo Ajuna is the Program Coordinator at YPARD and currently serves as the YPARD-Uganda Co-Country Representative and YPARD-UNCCD Focal Person. He is a former member of the YPARD Steering Committee, where he played a key role in advancing youth engagement in Agrifood systems. Tadeo previously served for seven years at the Uganda Agribusiness Alliance (UAA) as the Platforms/Value Chains/Food Systems Officer, leading initiatives to strengthen agrifood systems, enhance market efficiency, and promote equitable value chain participation. He is a certified Trainer of Trainers in Agroecology, a Global G.A.P Farm Assurer, and Chairperson of the Policy and Advocacy Working Group of the Food Safety Coalition of Uganda. Tadeo was a 2022 International Monetary Fund Fellow and has led reforestation campaigns and global advocacy on climate justice. A passionate farmer and public speaker, he is committed to mentoring youth and fostering inclusive, sustainable food systems across Africa and beyond.



Nancy Rapando

member of the Agroecology coalition
WWF Africa's Food Future Leader

Languages spoken: English

Nancy Rapando is the WWF Leader for Africa's Food Future Initiative! Nancy is a sustainable agriculture specialist with broad experience in Africa in food systems, agroecology and bature positive food systems, climate change policy and practice, program management, policy analysis, and technical advisory work. She has worked with diverse actors across East, Central and Southern Africa on agriculture value chains, natural resource management, climate change, and food and nutrition security. Nancy holds an M.Sc. in Agronomy from Egerton University (focused on ecological food systems) and now pursuing her Ph.D. in Climate Change and Adaptation from the Institute of Climate Change and Adaptation at the University of Nairobi. Nancy is passionate about nature-positive agriculture that allows farms and communities to become resilient to climate change while reducing negative impacts on biodiversity.

Keep in touch!

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