



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEEDS TO FOODS EXHIBITION								
				GO01 WFF 2026 Grand Opening		FAO ONE COUNTRY ONE PRIORITY PRODUCT(OCOP) INITIATIVE		GO06 World Food Day
				ROME WATER DIALOGUE				GO08 WFF Closing Ceremony
				GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM				
				HAND-IN-HAND INVESTMENT FORUM				
				CROSSCUTTING SIDE EVENTS				
				SCIENCE AND INNOVATION FORUM				
				GLOBAL-HUB ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FOOD AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS				



	PLENARY	SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE	RED ROOM	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TERRITORY
09				
10			WD01 Rome Water Dialogue: Technical session on strengthening governance of water tenure through innovation and inclusive dialogue	HA01 Indigenous Peoples Territory Opening Ceremony
11	YM01 Global Youth Forum Opening Ceremony		WD02 Rome Water Dialogue: Technical Session on restoration of degraded agricultural lands: Innovation from policy to practice for water and food security	
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15	GO01 World Food Forum 2026 Grand Opening			
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18		YM02 Youth Opening Concert		
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10	IM01 Official Opening of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum	WD03 Rome Water Dialogue: Technical session on innovation, planning and investment in drought management and irrigation		YM03 Leading from the Front: Africa's youth driving agrifood systems transformation		GS01 AgriThreads: From farm to fashion innovation challenge	YE17: Youth shaping sustainable pastoralist futures: From national dialogue to joint action	YE01 XPRIZE Water Scarcity: Exploring the value of water
11			YM04 World Food Forum Global School Assembly: Young minds nourish agrifood systems					
12				YM05 Investing in Youth Infrastructure for Resilient Agrifood Systems	YM22 Youth Leadership across the Rio Conventions: Integrated action for sustainable agrifood systems	GS02 Rethinking Fertilizers and Soil Health: From uncertainty to resilience	YE16 Future of Food Showdown – an interactive game show to play, learn and shape the future of food.	YE02 Protein Diversification for the Global South Youth Engagement Workshop
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14				GO02: Second Anniversary Celebration of the FAO Four Betters Courses Initiative				
15	SP01 Science and Innovation Forum Opening: Accelerating science and innovation for food security impacts	IM02 Hand in Hand Regional Initiative: Amazon Bioeconomy Investment Program	IM03 Hand in Hand Regional Initiative: Scaling Regional Investment for Agrifood systems transformation in Southern Africa		IM04 Hand in Hand Regional Initiative: Scaling Public and Private Investments for the Transformation of Agrifood Systems in the Pacific SIDS	YE03 Youth in agrifood systems: Advancing education, innovation and rmployment in the Near East and North Africa (NENA)	YA01 Youth leadership in FAO regional conferences: Advancing impact 2026-2028	GS03 Evaluating Readiness to Scale for Agricultural Water Innovations
16				YM06: It Takes a Village: From barriers to leadership for young women across the agrifood value chain				
17	SP02 Seeds of Trust: Rethinking science communication for food security	IM07 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Jordan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Tajikistan	IM06 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria		IM05 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico	GS04 DIGICHILD: GIS innovation against child labour	YA02 Indigenous Youth Roundtable	YE04 Shaping the Agrifood Youth Pulse: From collecting data on youth to generating evidence with youth
18				YM07 Generational Renewal in Agrifood Systems: Do we have the human capital?				
19		IM08 Thematic Session: How can innovative finance foster agrifood systems transformation?		YM08: World Food Forum Film Festival: Young storytellers inspiring the world			YA09 Farmers' dialogue: Paving pathways for generational renewal in agriculture	



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09	WD04 High-level Rome Water Dialogue – Global Dialogue on Water Tenure: Innovative water governance for food and security	ST02 From Field to Future: Reimagining agricultural extension for smallholder food security	ST01 Lost in Translation? Strengthening science–policy interfaces for evidence-informed decision-making	YM09 The Forgotten Investment: Generational renewal in Europe and Central Asia’s agrifood systems	IM10: High-level Event: Livestock Transformation Pathways: Investing in better nutrition, stronger livelihoods and climate-resilient growth
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11		IM11 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Bolivia (plurinational State of), Colombia, Chile and Ecuador	IM12 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic Congo, Malawi, Mozambique and Sierra Leone	YM10 Transformative Research Challenge Finals: Science for impact	IM13 African SIDS Hand in Hand Regional Initiative: Big Ocean States leading the wave of agrifood systems transformation in Africa
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13		ST12: Launch of the fifth round of the Accelerator Mentorship Programme for Women-led SMEs in Africa	YM11 Young Scientists Group: Young women navigating agrifood systems in conflict settings		IM14 High-level Event: From Bean to Bar: Ensuring chocolate’s value reaches cocoa farmers
14	GO03 The High-Level Event on the Implementation of the FAO One Country One Priority Product Initiative	IM15 Hand in Hand Regional Initiative: Building Resilience in the Dry Corridor and Arid Zones of the SICA region	IM17 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe	YM12 Startup Innovation Awards Finals: Accelerating innovation, scaling impact	IM16 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Eswatini, Liberia and Madagascar
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16		IM18 Special Event: Investing in Haiti's Coffee Value Chain: A lever for resilience, growth and rural employment	IM19 Special Event: Financing the future of food markets along the Lobito Corridor	YM13 Youth Food Lab: Cultivating entrepreneurship	IM20 Presentations of agrifood investment plans by Fiji, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Tonga
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10	GS05 Connecting Continents: From Climate Innovation to Impact across Africa and Asia-Pacific		YA04 Thematic Youth Assembly session on livestock and One Health	
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12	GS06 Young women transforming food systems: Evidence, innovation and partnerships		YA05 From Loss to Leadership: Empowering youth to shape climate-resilient agrifood systems through loss and damage	
13				GS16 Flavours of SIDS: Honour heritage. Inspire resilience
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15	GS07 Women in agrifood systems: Breaking barriers at the frontlines of crises	YA06 From Consultation to Action: Youth shaping the future of fisheries and aquaculture governance	YE05 How can young leaders drive water action? Building capacity and leadership in FAO and beyond	
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17	GS08 Turning National Agrifood Systems Investment Plans Into Action	YA07 From Vision to Voice: Launching the Global Youth Constituency on Forestry	YE06 Young chefs shaping the future of food	
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10		ST05 Resilience to Disasters and Pandemics: What can a One Health approach deliver?	ST04 Drowning in Data, Starving for Evidence-informed Decisions: What futures for scientific evidence synthesis?	YM14 Driving Change Across Asia and the Pacific: Youth transforming agrifood systems	IM21: High-level Event: Capitalizing on Opportunities: The next wave of investments for blue transformation
11	GO04 Junior World Food Day				
12		IM22 High-level Event: Unlocking finance for resilient coffee value chains through data and innovation	ST06 Broken by Design? Rewiring investment and partnership models for research and innovation	YM15 Future-ready Agrifood Governance: Are we ready to listen to youth?	ST07 Women Farmers in the Digital Age: From access to agency
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15	GO09 FAO 100 Women Heroes Presentation Ceremony	ST08 How can entrepreneurship accelerate food security progress?	ST09 Towards water-efficient agrifood systems that deliver food security for all	YM16 How to Reboot Agrifood Investment for a New Generation?	
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17		IM23: Joint Thematic Session HIH Initiative Investment Forum and Science & Innovation Forum: Artificial Intelligence: Bridging the investment gap for agrifood systems transformation	ST10 Tipping points, cascading risks, and limits to adaptation for agrifood systems and food security	YM17 Youth in the Americas Have the Solutions – Are We Ready to Invest?	GO05 Food Safety and Trade Facilitation for Agrifood Systems Transformation
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19				YM18 Empowering Women Farmers through Innovative Policy Solutions	



	AUSTRIA ROOM	ETHIOPIA ROOM	PHILIPPINES ROOM	GERMAN ROOM	ACCELERATION ZONE
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10	GS09 Youth-forward investment in sustainable food systems		YE07 Two sides of the deal – What it takes to ACCESS capital for women-led agri-businesses		
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12	GS10 Empowering women and the next generation of forest entrepreneurs	YE14 Rethinking food processing for socioeconomic gains	GS14 Two sides of the deal - What it takes to COMMIT capital for agri-investors		
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14	GS11 From pathways to investment readiness			IS01 Commit to Grow Equality Inaugural Partnership Exchange	
15		YA08 Rome Water Dialogue – Youth Assembly Session	YE13 WFF Educators Network Roundtable: Building the global agrifood systems education partnership		
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17	GS12 Beyond technology: Women, youth and marginalized groups leading inclusive innovation in forest and farm bioeconomies	YE15 Intergenerational Dialogue: Women Leaders of Science, Technology, Innovation in Agrifood Systems	YE10 Youth Innovation Showcase 2026		
18	GS15 Partnerships and knowledge for agrifood transformation in Latin America				ST11 Science with Ambition: Accelerating early career impact on food security
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		YM21 Indigenous Peoples' Mainstage Event		YE11 Small Grants for Big Impacts: How can youth and women access Global Environment Facility financing to advance global environmental benefits through agrifood systems?	ST14: Strengthening the evidence base for agricultural science, research and innovation: How ASTI supports agrifood systems transformation
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	G006 World Food Day	YM19 Custodians of Food Heritage: Young chefs shaping our food culture			
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		YM20 Youth-Led, Regionally Rooted: Nourishing the future of the Near East and North Africa	GS17 Scaling agrifood innovation and private sector engagement	YE12 TRC Connect: From research to impact	G007 Joint Feedback Session
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13			YD01 Youth Innovation and Climate Finance: Empowering the Next Generation to Transform Agrifood Systems in Eastern Africa		
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	G008 World Food Forum Closing Ceremony				
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THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER				FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER		
	BIOCULTURAL AND FOOD HERITAGE PAVILION	YOUTH BOOTH 1	YOUTH BOOTH 2	BIOCULTURAL AND FOOD HERITAGE PAVILION	YOUTH BOOTH 1	YOUTH BOOTH 2
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10	BP09 Celebrating the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026	YB07 WFF National Youth Chapters: Youth-led action in Africa	YB20 Circular School Agrifood Systems: From waste to nutrition	BP12 Tharu Food Heritage: Ancestral wisdom for sustainable futures		
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12	BP02 Young Women Farmers and Brazil's Biocultural Food Heritage		YB21 Seeding the Future Global Food System Challenge Winners Showcase		YB09 Youth Toolkit Lab for Agrifood Futures	YB25 Meet and Engage: The Youth Food Lab Innovation Harvest
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14	BP11 Nomadic Food Heritage: Youth innovating Mongolia's living traditions	YB08 ATIO KB full mobile: From hackathon to impact	YB22 North America Showcase: Penn State University and WFF Canada Youth Chapters			
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17				YB23 From the regions to Rome: youth recommendations in FAO Regional Conferences		
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FRIDAY | 9 OCTOBER

08:00 CEST – 14:00 Philippines time

YD03
Innovate Today, Nourish Tomorrow: Young Filipinos reimagining the future of food

Virtual event

10:00 CEST

YD09
Building on Progress, Rethinking What’s Next: Innovation for agrifood systems transformation

Virtual event

TUESDAY | 13 OCTOBER

10:00 CEST – 11:00 Moscow time

YD06
From Ideas to Actions: Launch of the World Food Forum National Youth Chapter in the Russian Federation

Hybrid - HSE University (National Research University Higher School of Economics), Moscow

WEDNESDAY | 14 OCTOBER

07:00 CEST – 12:00 Chile time

YD08
Financial Inclusion for Rural Youth in Agrifood Systems

Virtual event

10:00 CEST – 11:00 Moscow time

YD07
Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems: Knowledge, practices and development prospects

Hybrid - RUDN University (Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University of Russia), Moscow

THURSDAY | 15 OCTOBER

08:00 CEST – 10:00 Liberia time

YD02
From Innovation to Impact: Youth and women nourishing Liberia’s future

Hybrid – Day 1: FAO Liberia Conference Room, 1st Street, Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia

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08:00 CEST – 10:00 Liberia time

YD02
From Innovation to Impact: Youth and women nourishing Liberia’s future

Hybrid – Day 2: Ministry of Agriculture, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Ministerial Complex, Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia

08:30 CEST – 09:30 Ethiopia time

YD01
Youth Innovation and Climate Finance: Empowering the next generation to transform agrifood systems in Eastern Africa

Hybrid – Austria Room, FAO headquarters

09:00 CEST – 16:00 Seoul time

YD04
Harvesting Tomorrow with AI: Women farmers and artificial intelligence innovation

Hybrid - Ondream Society, Myeong-dong, Seoul, Republic of Korea

13:00 CEST – 16:00 Seoul time

YD05
Innovating Together: Empowering youth to shape sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems

In-person - İzmir –Yaşar University premises