Concept note of a Project as part of the Food Systems Innovation Challenge

***Maximum 7 pages excluding pictures and visuals (font= Lato, letter size = 10).***

Overall assignment

The overall assignment of the Food Systems Innovation Challenge is to design and implement a local project in your own community, and to thereby generate impact in multiple ways. We challenge you to come up with a food system innovation. The idea should be feasible, sustainable, scalable, and have impact.

Write a concept note of your project and submit it **before 11th of March 2024, 9.00 am CET**. The projects should 1) contribute to the [national food systems pathways](https://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/member-state-dialogue/dialogues-and-pathways/en) of the country where it will be implemented, and 2) focus on these four overall themes: Ecological sustainability, Nutrition/ healthy diets, Social inclusion and Food and water security.

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| Team name | |
| *Choose a descriptive / creative / innovative name for your team* |  |
| University and country | |
| *Name of university and country*  **List of participating universities:** Lukenya University, Wollo University, University of Abuja, Kathmandu University, University of Ghana, Makerere University, Esalq-USP, Anton de Kom Universiteit, Wageningen University & Research |  |
| Team members | |
| *First, last name and email addresses of all team members* |  |
| **Problem definition & Why** | |
| * *Please provide a problem definition of the problem your project is addressing.* * *What is the purpose of this project? What do you want to achieve? Why do you want to do it?* * *Briefly explain how it links to innovation in food systems.* |  |
| **The Food Systems Innovation** | |
| *Describe the innovation you want to implement.* |  |
| **Goals and objectives** | |
| * *What are your goals and objectives of your project?* |  |
| **Impact | National pathways to sustainable food systems** | |
| * *In which way will your project contribute to the* [*national food systems pathways*](https://www.unfoodsystemshub.org/member-state-dialogue/dialogues-and-pathways/en) *of the country where it will be implemented (if available)* |  |
| **Impact |** Ecological Sustainability | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to ecological sustainability?* |  |
| **Impact |** Nutrition / healthy diets | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to nutrition/healthy diets?* |  |
| **Impact |** Social Inclusion | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to social inclusion?* |  |
| **Impact | Food and water security** | |
| * *How does your project relate to food and water security?* |  |
| *The following part of the Concept Note is more practical. Here you address* ***how*** *you are going to implement your Food System Innovation and what is needed to achieve your goals and objectives. In this part, you thus address what you will be doing when you are selected to participate in this student challenge.* | |
| **Project plan** | Planning | |
| * *Please provide a preliminary timeline of preparations and project itself.* |  |
| **Project plan | Design & First steps** | |
| * *What steps need to be taken prior to implementation?* |  |
| **Project plan** | Implementation | |
| * *What is your plan towards implementation of your Food Systems Innovation?*   *With implementation, we mean the actual uptake of your food system innovation at your site, in other words: which actions are you going to undertake?* |  |
| Project plan | Monitoring and evaluation | |
| * *How will you monitor the process and make sure your goals and objectives are met?* * *How will you evaluate your project?* |  |
| **Project plan** | **Scalability** | |
| * *Explain the ability of your project to adapt,*   *particularly in regard to growth and increased*  *demand.* |  |
| Project plan | Personal development | |
| * *What do you want to get out of the project for yourselves?* * *What will you learn from it?* * *How will the project help you to develop?* |  |
| Project plan | Partnerships | |
| * *What stakeholders are you (planning to) partnering with?* * *How will this partnership be?* * *Are you considering collaborating with other sponsors, NGOs, a state subsidy, or grant?* * *How will you collaborate with other parties?* |  |
| Project plan | Continuation | |
| * *How will you disseminate knowledge?* * *How will the project be sustained after the challenge?* |  |
| Budget: Include a budget in this document  Specify how you will spend the budget up to €2500 if you are selected. | |
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| Resources & Relevant links | |
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| Pictures & Quote  *Add a team picture and some pictures of your project site. Add a quote about why you are excited about implementing your idea. This quote + your team photo can be used to introduce your team on social media channels from the organizers.* | |
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| We agree to the Terms and Conditions  *Write* ***yes*** *or* ***no****. Please note that we can only accept your application if you agree with the Terms and Conditions (see website)* |  |

For more information about the Food Systems Innovation challenge, please visit [our website](https://www.wur.nl/nl/onderwijs-opleidingen/student-challenge/looking-for-a-challenge/food-systems-innovation-challenge-1.htm).

