

## **The #123 Food Loss and Waste Pledge for Climate Action**

The purpose of this Pledge is to express the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)'s commitment to help halve global food waste and reduce food loss by at least 25% by 2030.

It is widely recognised that food loss and waste contributes up to **10% of global GHG emissions**. This implies that halving food loss and waste would help countries to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) beyond their commitments in the Paris Agreement and help companies in their race to NetZero.

**About:** FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Our goal is to achieve food security and nutrition for all and ensure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With 194 members, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.

**During the period 2023 to 2030, FAO, acting in compliance with its Constitution, Rules and Regulations and within existing resources, commits to responding positively to all Members' requests for support in:**

- i. raising awareness about the economic, social and environmental impacts of food loss and waste;**
- ii. strengthening capacities to identify food loss and waste hotspots along the entire food supply chain;**
- iii. measuring the levels of food loss and waste at these hotspots and implementing actions to reduce food loss and waste in a sustainable manner toward impacting the SDG indicator 12.3.1.a Food Loss Index; and**
- iv. developing policy measures to support the reduction of food loss and waste.**

This commitment aligns with the following 'Impact Areas for the Pledge':  
1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

### **IMPACT AREAS FOR THE PLEDGE:**

1. Policy & regulation for FLW reduction
2. Reductions along the value chain
3. Reduction at the national and subnational (city) level
4. Measurement and monitoring of FLW
5. Awareness, education and behaviour change

This commitment is additional to any previous commitments made regarding food loss and waste, namely:

[Not applicable]

In support of lesson learning and mutual accountability, FAO commits to providing, in compliance with FAO's status and its applicable rules and regulations, information on progress and impact achieved to monitor progress of the pledge. This information will be included in the annual progress report of the Food is Never Waste Coalition (which will contribute to [the Global Stocktake \(GST\)](#) that will take place at COP28 in 2023 in the United Arab Emirates) or the Champions 12.3 Annual Progress Report.

### **Disclaimer**

This pledge is a non-binding statement and is not intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations.

Sincerely yours,

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