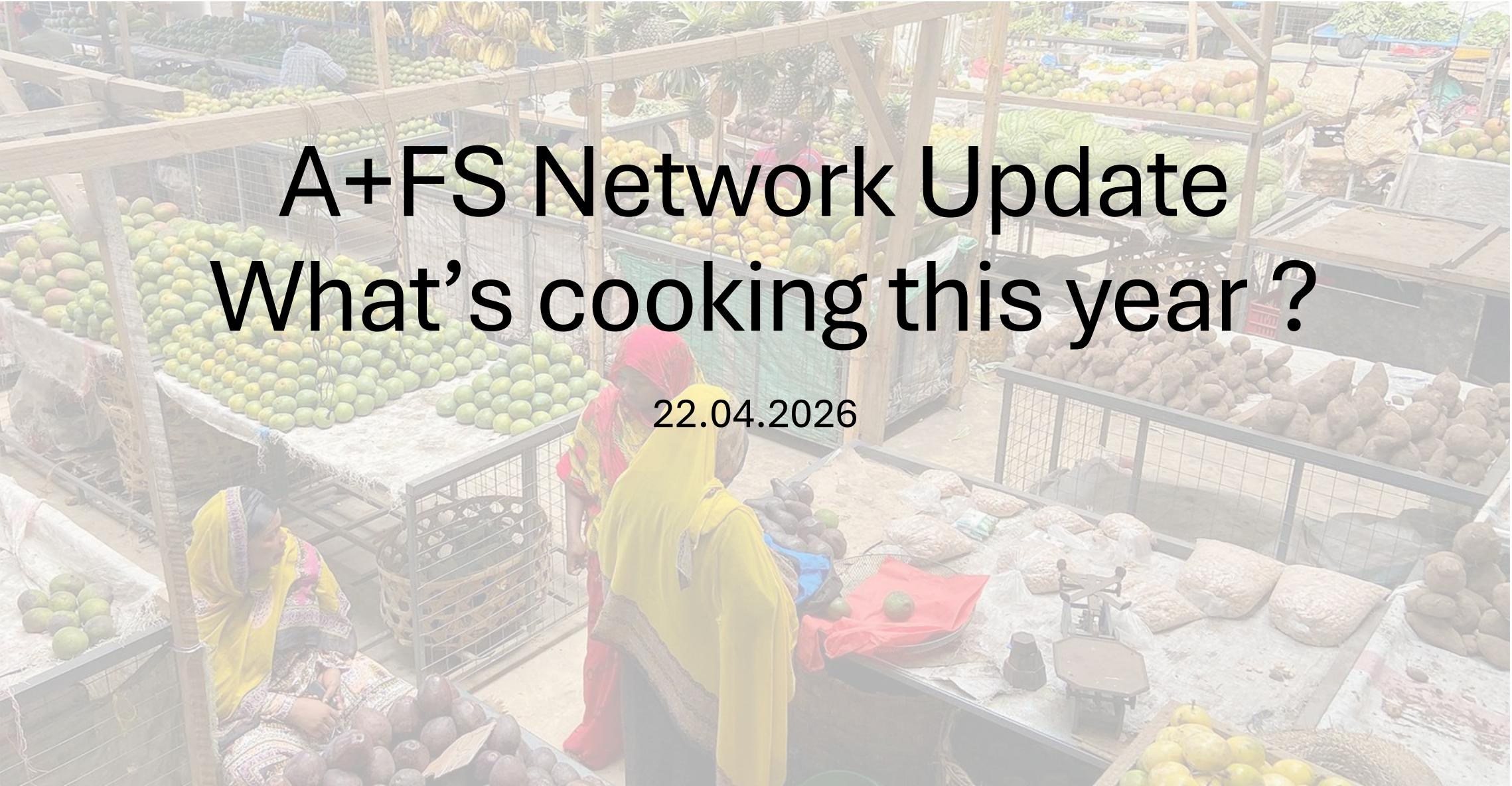




# A+FS Network Update

## What's cooking this year?

22.04.2026





# Agenda :

- Updates from the network :
  - AFS platforms – website & MS Teams
  - Past events & activities
- Upcoming priorities :
  - Feedback from the sign-up survey
  - Planned events & potential activities
- Open space





# Updates from the network → AFS website

Consolidation of our website, incl. events and knowledge products

**Events** → all material available :

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AFS website with the following items: About us, News & Events (highlighted), AFS @SDC, Themes & Resources, and Knowledge Hub. A dropdown menu is open under 'News & Events', showing a 'Back' arrow and a 'Close x' button. The menu is titled 'Events' and contains the following items: Overview, Upcoming Events (highlighted), Series: Biodiversity, Series: Green Nexus, Series: Resilience Thinking, Series: Thoughts & Science for Food, and Past Events. A 'Join our network' button is visible at the bottom left of the page.

**Knowledge Hub** → wealth of material :

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AFS website with the following items: About us, News & Events, AFS @SDC, Themes & Resources, Knowledge Hub (highlighted), and Other. A dropdown menu is open under 'Knowledge Hub', showing the following items: Overview, Design a Project, Thematic Interfaces, Concepts, Data & Resources, Swiss IC Projects, and Contact & Advice. Two arrows point from the 'Design a Project' and 'Thematic Interfaces' items to the text 'How-To' and 'TIB' respectively. The main content area of the page features the title 'Agriculture & Food Systems' and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Agriculture and Food Systems Network of Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). We are an exchange platform of development practitioners working in agriculture and food systems.' Below this message are two buttons: 'Join our network →' and 'Browse our themes →'.

**How-To**

**TIB**



# Updates from the network → Knowledge Hub

**How-To** Guides : One finalised, 5 in final stage



30 April 2025  
**How to: Agroecology**

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30 April 2025  
**How to: Food systems**

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30 April 2025  
**How to: Nutrition**

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23 January 2026  
**How to: Private sector engagement**

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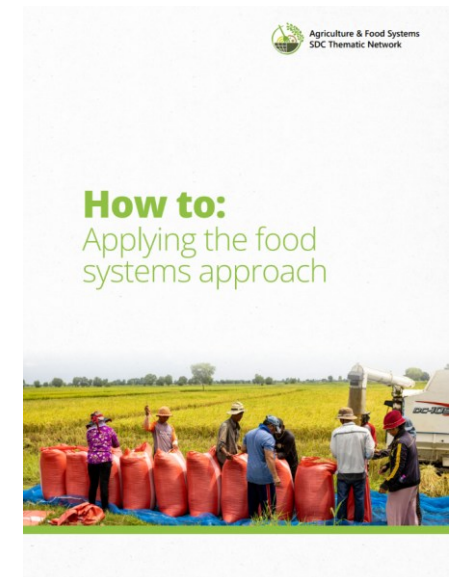
30 April 2025  
**How to: Seed systems**

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30 April 2025  
**How to: Sustainable Land Management**

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Agriculture & Food Systems  
SDG Thematic Network













**How to:**  
Applying the food  
systems approach

Available [here](#)



# Updates from the network → Knowledge Hub

**Thematic Integration Briefs : One finalised, 5 in final stage**

 <p>30 April 2025</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and Climate, DRR &amp; Environment</b></p> 	 <p>22 January 2026</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and Gender</b></p> 	 <p>30 April 2025</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and Governance</b></p> 
 <p>30 April 2025</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and Health</b></p> 	 <p>30 April 2025</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and the Private sector</b></p> 	 <p>30 April 2025</p> <p><b>TIB: Food Systems and Water</b></p> 



Thematic Integration Brief (TIB)

Climate, DRR & Environment  
...and **Food Systems**



Available [here](#)



# Updates from the network → MS Teams

## Transition to MS Teams for members exchanges and interaction

### Structure :



Channel managed by the network focal point, information relating *only* to the network

Channel open to all for all members, to :

→ share news, events, publications

→ ask questions, call for experts / expertise

Channel specifically for the SDC staff

### Access :

- SDC staff : you have access to the MS Teams AFS network team & channels directly
- **Non-SDC staff** : you need to change accounts. You receive notifications when new activities occur in the other account(s) (bottom left of your screen).





# Updates from the network → Current events / activities

- Thoughts / Science for Food series



Last session : S4F on 4<sup>th</sup> March : Integrated Pest Management



Next session : T4F on 6<sup>th</sup> May : Seeds governance

- Webinar series :



❖ Resilience Thinking Lab – just finalised

❖ A Shared Table

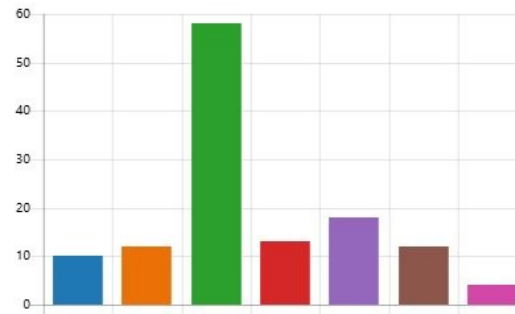


# Upcoming priorities

## → Survey feedback

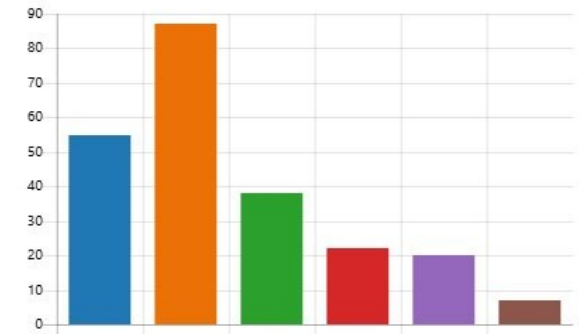
### Affiliation of members

Public administration / Govern...	10
Multilateral Organisation	12
Non-Governmental Organisati...	58
Private Sector	13
Research Organisation	18
Foundation	12
Other	4



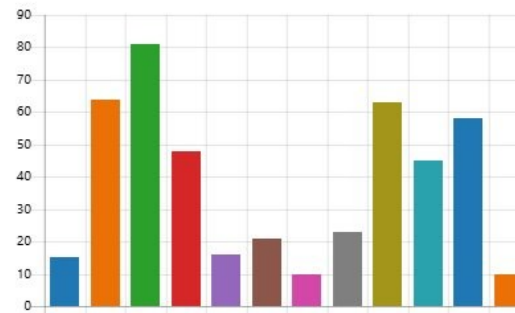
### Profile of members

Management	55
Thematic expert / specialist	87
Coordination	38
Operational staff	22
Research / academia	20
Other	7



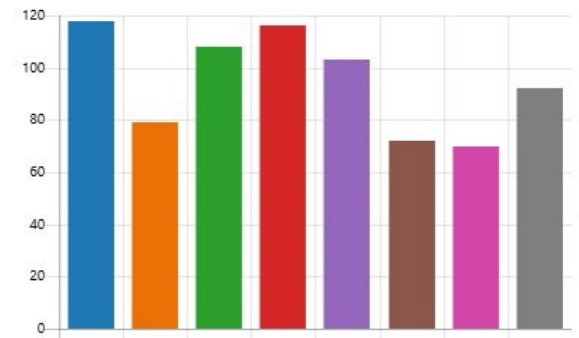
### Regions of work

Northern Africa	15
Western Africa	64
Central & Eastern Africa	81
Southern Africa	48
Middle East	16
Eastern Europe	21
Caucasus	10
Central Asia	23
South-East Asia	63
Latin America & the Caribbean	45
Global	58
Other	10



### Themes of interest

Agroecology	118
Nutrition and healthy diets	79
Private sector engagement an...	108
Climate change mitigation, ad...	116
Food security and resilience of...	103
Gender and youth	72
Rights in food systems - inclu...	70
Research and innovations in f...	92





# Upcoming priorities → Survey feedback

*Appreciation of the network*



*Expectations of the network as :*

- 1 a space for **exchange** of information
- 2 a space to **work** on common challenges and seek collaborations
- 3 a place to build own capacities and **learning** opportunities

*Preferred formats are :*

- 1 **Webinars** and trainings / short courses
- 2 Guidance document and **working aid** materials
- 3 CoPs, **discussion** forums or thematic learning groups
- 4 **Workshops** and clinics.



# Upcoming priorities → Green Nexus

The 'Green Nexus' momentum – launched end of 2025



*What is it ?*

→ An **integrated approach** that recognizes & manages the interdependent relationships between climate & ecosystems, food systems, and water resources, to deliver sustainable, resilient, and equitable development outcomes while minimizing trade-offs and maximizing co-benefits, and optimising synergies while being aware of and reducing potential harm.

*Why now ?*

→ accelerating biodiversity loss, climate change, and resource degradation  
→ reducing ODA space

Within SDC, carried by the three networks AFS / CDE / Water → and you !



# Upcoming priorities → Green Nexus

## Take-aways from the past events & discussions :



- Vast recognition of **overstretched planetary boundaries**, evidencing unsustainability of global development
- Complex problems require complex solutions – **systemic, holistic** thinking and increased **collaboration** is crucial
- Importance of **regionalisation** of efforts – to be anchored in the regional realities and tailored to local context
- **Advocacy** and appropriate communication is key for decision- & policy-influencing

*"Healthy people and healthy economic development can only happen with a healthy planet."*

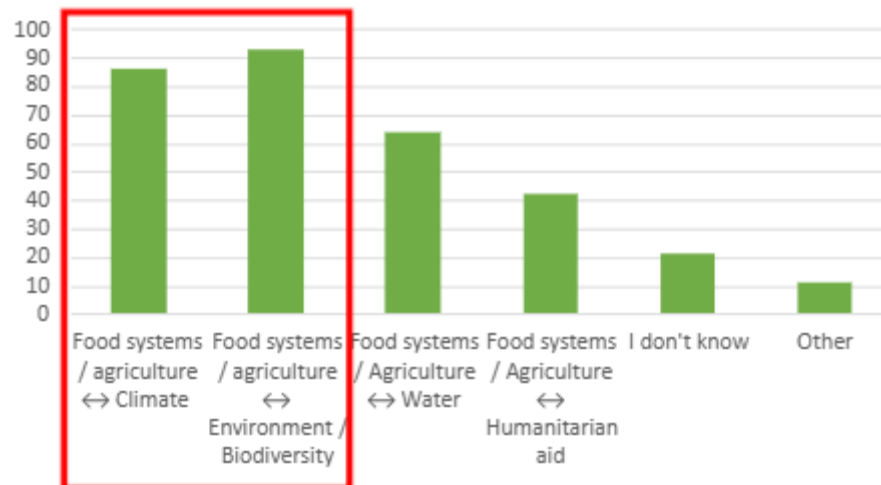


# Upcoming priorities → Survey feedback

Relevance of the 'Green Nexus'



Opportunities for strengthened synergies :



Clustered priority topics identified :

1. **Climate-resilient** and sustainable food systems
2. Food systems, environment, biodiversity and NRM
3. Water-food-climate **nexus**
4. **Nutrition**, diets and health within food systems
5. Governance, policy coherence and collaboration
6. Finance and **private sector** engagement
7. Data, **evidence** and learning for decision-making
8. Fragility, inclusion and transitions



# Upcoming priorities

## → Planned future events / activities

### 1. Webinar series :

- ❖ *Bi-monthly T4F / S4F – varied agendas*
- ❖ *Nutrition series - incl. tools and concrete examples*
- ❖ *Knowledge Fair - solutions & innovations across regions, focus on specific topics*
- ❖ *Private Sector Engagement - sectoral focus, PSD vs. PSE, concrete examples*
- ❖ *A Shared Table - on demand, open space for members*



# Upcoming priorities

## → Planned future events / activities

- 2.** Working aids :
  - ❖ (timely) Publication of TIBs & How-To's, incl.  
Nutrition / Private Sector Engagement / Governance ...  
→ regular updates on the Knowledge Hub & through MS Teams
  
- 3.** Discussions :
  - ❖ Series around the Green Nexus, regional anchoring



# Further recommendations

**Connect** with our other networks :

- Network [CDE](#) - Climate / Environment / DRR
- Network [Rés'Eau](#) - Water
- Network [E+E](#) – Economy and Education
- Network [Health](#)
- Network [PGE](#) – Peace, Governance and Equality
- Network [Migration](#)



Questions ? Suggestions ?

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Thank you – hope to see you soon !

