



"Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition" will be the focus of World Food Day in 2013.

Today almost 870 million people worldwide are chronically undernourished. Unsustainable models of development are degrading the natural environment, threatening ecosystems and biodiversity that will be needed for our future food supply.

A food system is made up of the environment, people, institutions and processes by which agricultural products are produced, processed and brought to consumers.

Every aspect of the food system has an effect on the final availability and accessibility of diverse, nutritious foods – and therefore on consumers' ability to choose healthy diets. What is more, policies and interventions on food systems are rarely designed with nutrition as their primary objective.

Addressing malnutrition requires integrated action and complementary interventions in agriculture and the food system, in natural resource management, in public health and education, and in broader policy domains.

What would a sustainable food system look like? Is it possible to get from here to there? What would need to change to move us in that direction? World Food Day 2013 is an opportunity to explore these and other questions, and help bring about the future we want.

**Additional links :** 

[Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#)

[Zero Hunger Challenge](#)

[The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2013](#)

[Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition](#)

[Secretary general message](#)