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Consultation on forthcoming HRC report on *Transforming food systems to protect human rights and prevent climate harm* of the Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights

1. Background:

In her upcoming report to the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur seeks to synthesise and analyse a varied body of evidence (from across the natural and social sciences, including Indigenous science and other knowledge systems) on the topic of *Transforming food systems to protect human rights and prevent climate harm*.

The report will seek to clarify States' international human rights obligations, individually and as part of international cooperation, as well as business responsibility, to ensure a just transition in the context of food systems, both land- and ocean-based, while enhancing the protection of everyone's human rights in the context of climate change. The obligations will be clarified giving due consideration to: the need to scale up global action and support in addressing climate change, including in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change; and the objectives and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, as interpreted by the International Court of Justice in its 2025 Advisory Opinion on State obligations on climate change.

The report will build on the Special Rapporteur most recent reports on the imperative of defossilizing our economy and a human rights based approach to the energy transition along with recent legislative clarifications provided by the Advisory Opinions of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The Special Rapporteur will aim to make constructive and concrete recommendations on human rights-based, gender-responsive, age-sensitive, disability-inclusive and risk-informed approaches to the transformation of food systems as part of a just transition towards a safer climate.

2. Objectives:

The consultation will build on a call for inputs which was issued on 30 October 2025 (closed on 30 January 2026) in order to inform the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur to the Human Rights Council 62nd session.

Through this consultation, the Special Rapporteur wishes to explore views and needs in relation to:

- Good practices or lessons learned at the national, regional or international levels in ensuring the transformation of food systems as part of a just transition towards a safer climate from a human rights-based perspective;

- Challenges and opportunities to defossilize land- and ocean-based food systems (including with reference to reliance of fossil fuels, plastics, and petrochemicals) to protect human rights;

- Solutions being proposed by or co-developed with the most affected individuals and communities to advance climate change mitigation, adaptation, and responses to loss and damage in the context of food systems.

3. Outputs:

The consultation will inform the next thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on climate change and human rights to the Human Rights Council (to be presented during HRC 62) focusing on *Transforming food systems to protect human rights and prevent climate harm*.

4. Participants:

The consultation will gather all interested Member States, international organisations, civil society organisations, academics and other stakeholders.

5. Format:

The consultation will be held, in person on 5 March 2026 from 12:00 to 13:00 in Room III at the Palais des Nations.

Agenda

12:00-12:10	Welcome and Presentation by the UNSR on the mandate and her upcoming report
12:10-12:50	Discussion on participants' views based on the above listed questions
12:50-13:00	Closing

6. Contacts

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