

## A COP First: The Food Systems Pavilion Keeps Agriculture High on This Year's Agenda

Egypt's COP27 Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) initiative was launched last week. For the first time, COP set up an official Food and Agriculture Pavilion where local and global actors including farmers and youth could share experiences and solutions to address the transformation of agri-food systems.

Indeed, the entire day of Saturday 12th of November was dedicated to adaptation and agriculture, to listening to those on the frontlines of food production and encouraging farmers to learn from one another.

As COP27 President H.E. Sameh Shoukry highlighted: "Initiatives such as FAST are critical in today's world, where geopolitical shifts and extreme weather events can cause massive disruption to food supply chains that hurt the world's poorest and exacerbate hunger and malnutrition."

We are glad that food and agriculture systems have finally taken centre stage at COP's global negotiations and that the FAST initiative was launched to unlock climate finance to decarbonise and increase the resilience of the sector, especially in emerging countries and the world's most vulnerable communities.

Food security is core to our investment strategy and an important part of our impact journey. We strive to contribute to the growth of sustainable agricultural value chains and help rural populations build their resilience and adapt to climate change.

