



December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Colleagues

I am delighted to share with you this inaugural Regen10 newsletter. Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Regen10 Inception event at COP27 – either in person or on-line, and for all the feedback and comments that we have received that will help shape our work moving forward.

Food was very much on the agenda in Sharm El-Sheikh. While many media outlets picked up on the shortage and high cost of food within the conference centre, Egyptian hospitality was in abundance at the many events scattered around Sharm. The Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture received a new four-year mandate, and while there were [calls](#) to expand its scope, it was in pavilions that many dialogues centred on the potential for productive and regenerative food systems to deliver positive outcomes for people, nature and climate.

This is important, because food, farming and land use contributes a third of all greenhouse gas emissions, so changing what we eat, and how it is grown, is essential to fighting the climate crisis. It's also essential to fighting poverty, which is widespread among smallholder farmers and Indigenous Peoples who produce their own food.

Through these newsletters, we aim to communicate updates about Regen10's work, highlight opportunities to participate, and share knowledge and learning from wider networks and communities exploring how to unlock the potential of regenerative approaches.

Our mission is to explore what it would take this decade for 50% of the world's food to be produced in a way that supports people, nature, and climate. We returned from our initial engagements at COP27 with a sense of excitement. We will only succeed if this is a highly inclusive, collective endeavour, and we thank you again for your willingness to contribute.

Melissa Pinfield, Regen10

P.S. Don't forget to share information about your interest in Regen10 on our [website](#) and to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)



A packed house for the 10 November Inception Event at the FAO Pavilion at COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Regen10 Inception Event

Regen10 was initiated at COP26 as an international collaboration to recognize farmers and Indigenous Peoples at the heart of food systems transformation so that by 2030, over 50% of the world's food can be produced in a way that benefits people, nature, and the climate. Thanks to support from IKEA Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation, the COP27 inception event was an opportunity to set out aspirations and plans for Regen10 in the coming years and invite participation from those with knowledge to share.

Some impressions from our inception event include:

- “To have this go forward, we have to set very specific goals. Even as we start this inception process, we have to take stock of what is already happening because we might say that it is a new thing, but farmers are practicing it somewhere.” – **Loureen Akinyi**

Awour, Chief of Staff and Head of Partnerships, Kenya National Farmers' Federation

- “2.5 billion people rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. That’s 30% of the planet (...) So, getting it right is not just about our nutrition, it’s about livelihoods, too” **Liz Yee, Executive Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation.**
- “It’s through Regen10 that we can actually start joining the dots of what an outcome framework actually looks like if it gets adopted by all the multiple stakeholders that we’ve been talking about today. – **Tony Siantonas, Director, Scaling Positive Agriculture, World Business Council for Sustainable Development**

The excitement in the room at the Inception event was tangible. We aim to build off this momentum with additional outreach, opportunities for collaboration and to amplify the work of others.

A recording of the event is available [here](#).

Guided by Indigenous Peoples' Food and Knowledge Systems



(from left to right) **Juan Carlos Jintiach**, Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities, **Elizabeth Nsimadala**, President of East Africa Farmer's Federation and Africa Board Member, World Farmers' Organisation and **Per Heggemes**, CEO of IKEA Foundation - moderated by Melissa Pinfield, Regen10.

During COP27, the first ever to dedicate a full day to Food and Agriculture discussions, Regen10 prioritized listening and learning from Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems that have held up over centuries. Both through close door dialogues and an event open for general audiences, our team invited Indigenous representatives and community leaders to hear initial thoughts about Regen10's inception and next steps in establishing a highly consultative governance framework focused on deep inclusion.

In these dialogues, we heard Heylin Reyes Sanchez's conviction that regenerative approaches in indigenous food and knowledge systems are resilient and endure even before large-scale calamities. The representative from the Kábata Kōnana Indigenous Women Association explained that "during the pandemic, many thought that our communities would not survive, but we proved them wrong.

Our (women) leaders got together to share practices, resources, and forms of sustenance and thanks to these, our community not only survived but was able to recover much faster and better. Learnings from our grandparents and grandmothers show that regenerative approaches already exist and work well. It is time to work together to realize them."

Regen10 co-hosted a side-event to showcase knowledge and learning from Indigenous Peoples food and knowledge systems at the Food and Agriculture Pavilion and provided space for a dynamic discussion on opportunities to further strengthen such approaches through collaboration with engaged stakeholders.

Indigenous Peoples Food and Knowledge Systems: How can we amplify Indigenous Peoples food and knowledge systems was co-hosted by the FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit, Regen10, and the Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty.

Why Farmer Centricity?

While the figures linking agriculture and greenhouse gas emissions featured prominently in conversations; the presence of farmers at COP 27 in never-before-seen numbers (with support from organisations such as the [World Farmers Organisation](#), [Just Rural Transition](#) and the [Forest and Farm Facility](#)) illustrated recognition for the untapped potential for farmers as a central stakeholder and enabler of food system transformation.

Regen10 co-hosted, *Farmers at the Centre of Climate Action*, with Solutions from the Land, the World Farmers Organisation, IFOAM-Organics and Regen10 brought together a diverse panel of food producers spotlighted agroecology, regenerative agriculture, and other innovative, climate-smart approaches to improve food and nutrition security while enhancing health and livelihoods, improving the environment, and delivering high-value land-based solutions to climate change.

The video is available [here](#).

Upcoming Regen10 Priorities

Regen10's founding partners are motivated by the belief that there is high potential in regenerative approaches to food production, but that we need greater alignment around what it means to be regenerative – the principles and metrics we can use to assess its outcomes for people, nature, and climate. There are significant opportunities to build on existing efforts around the world to collect the data and evidence needed to assess its impact over time. We also need to identify how policies, finance and capacity building can be better directed to those on the front-line, food producers, Indigenous Peoples, and other landscape stewards.

In each newsletter, we will outline progress to date and next steps across these [priority areas](#) of work, highlighting opportunities to get involved.

Establishing an inclusive, global, collaborative platform

Regen10's founding partners are the [Food and Land Use Coalition](#) (FOLU), [the International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN), [Leaders' Quest](#), [Meridian Institute](#), [Systemiq](#), the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#) (WBCSD), and the [World Farmers Organisation](#) (WFO) with funding support from the IKEA Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation. We also acknowledge the early support, important contributions and inspiration from many other important food system actors and initiatives over the last year.

Moving forward, our priority is to develop a governance framework that reflects Regen10's commitment to science and evidence-based approaches and the principles of farmer-centricity and deep inclusion. We will draw on the conversations and feedback from COP27 and elsewhere (including the responses to the on-line register interest link) with a view to establishing in early 2023 an inaugural Steering Committee, Expert Advisory Group, and other structures and processes that provide space for dialogue and input to Regen10's key work areas from key food system actors.

Through engagement and dialogue across a growing Regen10 community, we aim to identify the policy, finance and technical capacity needs that can support a transition to productive and regenerative food systems in different local contexts.

Establishing a Regenerative Outcomes Framework

Regen10 seeks to develop and implement a set of principles, an aligned outcomes-framework, and a standardized set of metrics that will allow practitioners to properly measure, assess and innovate in agriculture to achieve positive environmental, social, and economic outcomes.

From now until July 2023, Regen10 Core partners will gather insights from Indigenous Peoples, farmers, and local communities to help build the foundations for developing the regenerative outcomes framework. In parallel, we will review and analyse existing and emerging frameworks and principles of regenerative agriculture to identify gaps and understand how Regen10 can be complimentary to frameworks that already exist. The team will conduct stakeholder interviews and welcomes anyone to get in touch if they have insights to share on principles, frameworks, or metrics in agriculture. From July 2023 onwards, the team will draft the regenerative outcomes framework, which will continue with a highly consultative process into 2024.

Throughout 2023, Regen10 will be creating a capacity building and campaigning strategy to implement the framework at the farm, landscape, national and global level, collaborating with farmers, policy, finance, and business, and set for implementation and roll out in 2024.

Connecting and Learning from Regenerative Landscapes

Regen10 focuses on landscapes as a powerful unit for driving systems change from the ground up. A landscape-based approach brings together social, economic, environmental and climate considerations to generate a whole systems approach, anchored in the lived reality in landscapes – which is the best way to create genuinely regenerative outcomes.

Currently, Regen10 is drawing on existing initiatives to gather data and evidence on landscape-level food and farming projects. It aims to learn how best to integrate and scale regenerative systems and provide connectivity, learning and overcome gaps between and within existing landscape-level initiatives.

Throughout 2023, the focus will be on learning from and in thriving landscape initiatives, designing transition pathways to transform 50% of world food production, and selecting the first round of Regen10 participating landscapes.

In 2024, testing and gathering data on the Regenerative Outcome Framework in different types of food systems will enable the development of models of the economics of transition to attract further financing for more landscapes.



Regen10 partners hosted a series of dialogues with Indigenous Peoples, academics, smallholders, and women local leaders at COP27 to envision together the future of collaborative, deeply inclusive, and farmer-centric regenerative approaches

Resources to Collaborate on Food Systems Transformation

Collaboration across all involved stakeholders is crucial to realize Regen10's commitment to deep inclusion and farmer centrality. From our conversations at COP27, here is a selection of resources and publications from key partners who share our vision of transforming food systems to deliver positive outcomes for people, nature, and climate.

- The Food and Agriculture Organisation Indigenous Peoples Unit reiterated the call to action from [*Indigenous Peoples' food systems: Insights on sustainability and resilience from the front line of climate change*](#) report. This publication provides an overview of the common and unique

sustainability elements of Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems, in terms of natural resource management, access to the market, diet diversity, Indigenous peoples' governance systems, and links to traditional knowledge and Indigenous languages. More information about FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit www.fao.org/indigenous-peoples/en/.

- [*Untapped Opportunities: Climate Financing for Food Systems Transformation*](#) by the Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF) presents the case for food systems as a climate solution and priority, with recommendations for action. This report informs policy development, implementation, and climate advocacy to align public financial flows to food systems with climate ambition and action plans, and channelling public climate finance into food systems to support policies, programs, and projects that deliver on climate goals. More information about GAFF at futureoffood.org.
- The *Smoke & Mirrors* report [*Examining Competing Framings of Food System Sustainability: Agroecology, Regenerative Agriculture, and Nature-based solutions*](#) by the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES) explores the different terminologies utilized across the field of food systems transformation, calling to reject solutions that lack definitions, exploit ambiguity and mask agribusiness as usual. More information about IPES-Food at ipes-food.org
- In its [*Critical Transition 2: Scaling Productive and Regenerative Agriculture*](#) the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU) presents a reform agenda centred around 10 critical transition of real actionable solutions to transform food and land-use systems aggregated in the [*Growing Better*](#) report. More information about FOLU at foodandlandusecoalition.org
- The Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI) Agribusiness Task Force shared key insights from their latest report: [*Scaling Regenerative Farming: An Action Plan*](#) with Regen10 Core Partners. This white paper explores the potential of implementing regenerative practices at the intersection of business action, environment protection, and resilience building.

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