ACF Alliance of Champions for Food Systems Transformation

PROGRESS SNAPSHOT:
NORWAY

Section 1: National Food System Snapshot

Category	Norway
Top three commodities produced (2022)	Raw milk cattle: 1.5MT Barley: 0.6MT Wheat: 0.3MT
GDP and agriculture as % (2023)	$485.5 billion (of which agriculture is 2.2%)
Global Food Security Index (2022)	3rd (of 113)
Prevalence of undernourishment (2021-2023)	<2%
Land use for agriculture as % (2021)	3%
Total emissions (2023)	50MT
Emissions from agriculture (2023)	4.5MT
Total population and % employed in agriculture (2022)	5.5 million (with 2% employed in agriculture)



Fishing Village, Hamnøy, Norway

Photo by Benoît Deschasaux

Section 2: Membership Criteria Progress

National Pathways	Norway has updated its National Pathway. This comprehensive strategy takes a 'whole of government' approach to transforming the country's food production and consumption practices to be more environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically viable.
NDCs & NBSAPs	Norway's new national biodiversity strategy and action plan NBSAP is submitted, and includes considerations of food systems. Norway's upcoming NDC will be submitted in Spring 2025.
Reporting	The ACF Secretariat is currently working with countries to develop a framework for demonstrating progress, to be in place by COP30.

Section 3: Priority Action Areas Highlights

10 Priority Action Areas	Flagship initiatives/ activities
2. Improve livelihoods	Food security is among Norway's top priorities in development cooperation. The Government strategy 'Combining forces against hunger- a policy to improve food self-sufficiency' particularly addresses climate change and livelihoods of small-scale farmers. Norway hosts annual policy dialogues with farming unions to negotiate policy measures that are tailored to farmers' needs, delivering a 'bottom up' participatory approach that is designed to deliver against the country's national and international commitments.
8. Reduce food loss and waste	Norway is working to halve food waste by 2030.
10. Accelerate innovation through increase investments in R&D and digital technology	Norway's National Pathway emphasizes the role of technology and innovation in strengthening competitiveness throughout the food value chain and promoting more efficient resource use. The country is prioritizing R&D for sustainable farmed fish feed.



Grasslands, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway

Photo by Kato Bergli

Section 4: Additional Highlights

1. Norway has passed through the Parliament a White Paper on increased Self- sufficiency and increased income opportunities in the agricultural sector.

2. Sustainable Feed has been identified as a key long-term research priority for the government. The goal is that all feed for farmed fish and livestock will come from sustainable sources and will contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across food systems.

3. The government is developing measures to better protect children against the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages. It is also collaborating with the food industry to improve human diets through the "Partnership for a Healthier Diet".



Harbour District, Bryggen, Bergen, Norway *Photo by Joshua Kettle*

Section 5: Collaborations

1. Partnerships with Africa have the highest priority in Norway's strategy, policy and co-operation programs related to sustainable development, food systems and climate change. This includes capacity and support to the African Union and its Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme; the African Development Bank and its Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism facility for fertilizers and soil health, following up on the Nairobi Summit; the Financing for Agricultural Small and Medium Enterprises in Africa fund for Agri-SMEs; and a variety of programs for climate change adaptation, rainforest preservation, renewable energy, fisheries and ocean management, and food and nutrition security in African countries, including via the UN, NGOs, and World Bank system.

2. The Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty launched by Brazil as G20 chair is a milestone initiative supporting food security, complementing the ACF agenda of food systems transformation. As ACF co-chair with Brazil and Sierra Leone, and as a guest of G20 in 2024, Norway has made a commitment to join the Global Alliance in advance of the G20 Summit in Rio, and sees significant potential for synergies with ACF.

3. Multilateral co-operation remains a priority and cornerstone of Norway's foreign and development policy, with more than half of Norwegian development assistance ($5bn, almost 1% of GNI) channelled through multilateral partners, including WFP, FAO, IFAD, CGIAR, and the World Bank. The government is also encouraging IDA to increase funding for food security.