ACF Alliance of Champions for Food Systems Transformation

PROGRESS SNAPSHOT 2026

NORWAY

"I think it is valuable that countries from different continents – Norway and Brazil – are joining forces going forward. Protecting tropical forests is important not only as a climate effort, but also to safeguard irreplaceable biodiversity. It is of great importance that this effort succeeds, especially in these challenging times for international cooperation."

Minister Åsmund Aukrust, Minister for International Development for Norway

HIGHLIGHTS

1	**A global leader on forests and food security:** Through its International Climate and Forest Initiative, Norway has protected tropical forests since 2008 with up to USD 430m (4 billion NOK) in annual ODA. At CPOP3, Norway pledged up to USD 3 billion over 10 years in loans to the Tropical Forest Forever Facility subject to several conditions.
2	**The Svalbard Global Seed Vault has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize:** by June 2026 it held more than 1.4 million seed samples from genebanks in over 100 countries, safeguarding crop genetic diversity for future food security.
3	**Norway was an early mover on food systems transformation;** it published a national Action Plan on Sustainable Food Systems in 2019, two years before the UN Food Systems Summit. Norway has committed to a 50% reduction in food waste by 2030 compared to 2015, already reducing food waste by 24% by 2024.

Headline Areas of Progress in 2026

INDICATOR	BASELINE	LATEST	DIRECTION
Reduction in food waste since 2015	9.5% (2020)	**24% (2024)**	▲ Improving
GHG emissions from agriculture (1,000 t CO2e)	4,574 (2022)	**4,449 (2025)**	▼ Improving
Forest area in legally protected areas	4.88% (2019)	**5.81% (2025)**	▲ Improving
Agricultural and forestry properties owned by women	47,672 (2022)	**48,318 (2025)**	▲ Improving*
Implementation of instruments against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing	4 of 5 (2018)	**5 of 5 (2025)**	▲ Improving
R&D expenditure (% of GDP)	1.5% (2022)	**1.8% (2024)**	▲ Improving

*Sources: Norway's VNR 2026 except * Statbank Norway (0654)*

Country context

Whilst only 2.7% of its land area is used for agriculture, Norway has around 37 600 agricultural enterprises – and over 5,500 vessels in its fishing fleet.

The food industry employs around 52 000 people, and there is potential for fisheries and agriculture to further develop and contribute to the ongoing green transition.

The seafood industry is of importance to the Norwegian economy (approx. USD 17 billion), and for value creation, settlement, and employment along the country's extensive coastline.

INDICATOR	NORWAY	SOURCE
Top three commodities produced (2024)	**Raw cow milk 1.5 Mt; barley 0.64 Mt; wheat 0.38 Mt (2024)**	*FAOSTAT*
GDP and agriculture as % of GDP	**USD 530,756 billion (2025); agriculture 1.64% (2025)**	*World Bank Data*
Global Food Security Index rank	**3rd of 113 (2022)**	*2025 ACF Norway snapshot*
Land use for agriculture as % of total	**3% (2024)**	*2025 ACF Norway snapshot*
Emissions from agriculture	**4.4MT (2024)**	*2025 ACF Norway snapshot*
Total population and % employed in agriculture	**5.6 million (2025); 3% employed in agriculture (2025)**	*World Bank Data*



KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN 2025/26

Norway has reported a **24% reduction in food waste** in the period 2015–2024.

The Government has introduced measures to promote climate adaptation and robust farming practices, including a **climate agreement with the farmers' unions**, the establishment of **Bionova** in 2023 and the establishment of a **Food System Commission** that will propose measures to strengthen the sustainability of Norway's food system.

Norway has reported the following progress to protect and restore nature:

- **Forests:** 37% of Norway's land area is covered by forest of which nearly all is certified under global forest management certification systems.
- **Mountains:** 34% of Norway's mountain ecosystems are protected areas
- **Oceans:** approximately 4.5% of Norway's marine areas fall under protected areas, national parks, and conservation zones.

Norwegian farmers are at the forefront of adopting new technologies that make food production more efficient and environmentally friendly. Nearly 90 percent of new barns are equipped with milking robots, and about half of all milk is now produced in such barns.

LEADERSHIP IN FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION: PROTECTING THE WORLD'S FORESTS

Norway has been a central actor in protecting the world's rainforests. Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI) was launched in 2008, support totalled NOK 4.1 billion (approx. USD 0.41 billion) in 2024.

At COP30, Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre announced that Norway will contribute up to 3 billion USD in loans to the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) **over 10 years**, subject to conditions including sufficient co-financing from other sources. This Facility aims to secure long-term financing for rainforest preservation. Together with Brazil, the current ACF chair, Norway will serve as co-chair of the fund's board. As co-chair, Norway will work alongside Brazil to establish the fund's necessary structures and mobilize financial commitments.

