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Established in 2017, the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU) is a community of organisations and individuals committed to the urgent need to transform the ways we produce and consume food and use our land for people, nature and climate. We support science-based solutions and help build a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities to unlock collective, ambitious action.

Our strength comes from our growing community of country platforms, core partners, FOLU Ambassadors, funders and everyone else who believes in our shared mission: to ensure food and land use systems play their full role in delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement for all. This will ensure the future prosperity of all people and help protect and restore our planet's vital ecosystems.

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The Food and Land Use Coalition in India is a coalition of institutions working to support the country's efforts to bring about a more sustainable food and land use economy. The Coalition aims to provide platforms to inspire key Indian stakeholders with a view to accelerating globally significant action that addresses the important development, climate, environment, biodiversity, and health/nutrition challenges India faces in the coming decades concerning food and land use.

The Food and Land Use Coalition in India supports policy research, engages directly with the Indian Government at the central and State levels and other stakeholders to support the shift towards sustainable land use and food systems, and enables India's rich experience and diverse perspectives to be shared with the international FOLU community. The Food and Land Use Coalition in India comprises high-level policy engagement with national and sub-national decision-makers in the public and private sector. The FOLU Coalition in India includes the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and World Resources Institute India (WRI India), and with a detailed integrated country modelling effort, led by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) with support from International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-arid and Tropics (ICRISAT).

FOLU India Vision

The vision of FOLU India is a nutritionally secure, healthy, and prosperous India, which is sustainably managing its food and land use systems, supported by a productive, efficient and inclusive economy.

The FOLU India platform's priority critical transitions are:

- 1 Promoting healthy and sustainable diets
- 2 Ensuring sustainable, productive, and regenerative agriculture and integrated farming systems-oriented towards meeting food and nutritional needs
- 3 Reducing food loss and waste
- 4 Protecting and restoring natural resource systems
- 5 Greening India's soft commodity supply chains; and
- 6 Promoting sustainable livelihoods, gender, and social inclusion in the transitions

FOLU India: Phase I activities and Phase II planning

FOLU completed the first phase of its global operations in December 2020 and moving on to phase 2 by January 2021. The Growing Better Report 2019 gives an overview of FOLU work and the challenges ahead. The Report includes a comprehensive assessment of the costs of doing agriculture globally in the present way and lists ten critical transitions for changing it into sustainable practice and the business opportunities while doing it.

In India, FOLU, during phase 1, starting by January 2018, has focused on developing a vision and action agenda through extensive research and consultations. Three knowledge products from the intensive research in Phase I has been launched during the first quarter of 2021, and the FOLU India report expected to be launched at the end of the year 2021.

The FOLU India report aims to identify the policy and governance design and other measures required to achieve the nutritional security of the country by 2050 through diversifying and intensifying sustainable agriculture, re-organising and reforming the distribution systems and nurturing responsible citizenry to consume and absorb a healthy diet with a fork to farm approach.



In Phase 2, the FOLU India country platform will be deepening engagement with the stakeholders, especially the sub-national governments, to initiate meaningful changes in policy and practice towards attaining its vision.



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