also responsible for up to **80 per cent of biodiversity loss**, and continues to overuse increasingly limited natural resources – including water, forests and land. Indeed, **agriculture accounts for up to 70 per cent of all freshwater use and 80 per cent of all deforestation,** and **more than one-quarter of the energy used globally** is expended on food production and supply. In addition, ongoing political crises continue to undermine the building of inclusive food systems in fragile contexts. The emergence of this evidence is no coincidence: food systems as they currently operate at the global and local level are having negative effects on the climate, environment, human health, and social welfare. This is only getting more difficult with continued population growth in parts of the world, changes in diets, and increasing challenges from climate change.

The COVID-19 pandemic

important than in the wake of a global pandemic, not to mention resource scarcity, growing conflicts, ecosystem degradation and climate change.

2. **Align** stakeholders around a common understanding of a food system framework as a foundation for concerted action.

3. **Recognize**

Decade of Action and, 2) on the emerging action tracks for the Summit as summarized below even as these are still areas of consultation:

Food for All – End Hunger around the World in line with Zero hunger under SDG2.
Healthy People – End Malnutrition and Stem the Increase in Obesity Rates
Nature Positive Agriculture – Ensure Agriculture is climate neutral or even has a net positive impact on Climate emissions.
Environment and Biodiversity – Significant reductions in land degradation and biodiversity loss due to agriculture.
Fair and economically efficient and resilient food systems - providing healthy diets at stable, affordable prices while reducing the excessive waste in our current food systems.

Further on engagement, we have engaged an even wider outreach through Media as seen below:

1) Reuters op-ed: https://news.trust.org/item/20200228170821-3dow7/ picked up by other outlets including AllAfrica and shared over 400 times on social media channels.
2) Statement video (one long, one short) on social media reached nearly 9000 views: https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=tvccIUtCtOY
3) Twitter chat with SDG2 Advocacy Hub- **2445 tweets from 10-14 April with reach of over 38 million**
4) Joint op-ed with CFA was picked up in Russian, Spanish, Arabic and English outlets worldwide: https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/covid19-threatens-to-unleash-global-food-insecurity-by-thanawat-tiensin-et-al-2020-03; Preliminary number from Project Syndicate indicates a readership of more than 250,000- English outlets only.
5) EFE feature interview picked up by 18 Spanish-language media outlets: https://www.efe.com/efe/espana/sociedad/enviada-especial-de-la-onu-no-nos-olvidemos-los-hambrientos/10004-4195838

The combination of in-person engagements, teleconferences, and media engagement has given us a very good sense of what the Food Systems Summit represents to a lot of people.

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The Scientific Group will work closely with RBAs, but will also bring in science from across a huge complexity of institutions including at global, regional and country level. There is good progress here; the UN Deputy Secretary-General has appointed a Chair for this group who will then work with RBAs, the secretariat and co

My last point is on standing-up the secretariat: We now have a decent size team ready to get on board through secondment from RBAs and other institutions. We have identified a