



environment programme

#123 Pledge









EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste 20 October 2022

Why does food loss & waste matter?

This picture illustrates what an average American household throws away each year in terms of caloric value.







Source: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations). 2011. Global food losses and food waste – extent, causes and prevention. Rome: UN FAO: FAO. 2015. Food wastage footprint & climate change. Rome: UN FAO.

The potential environmental benefit could be enormous...



FLW is the 3th largest CO₂ producer in the world uses the land the size of China and uses the water equal to 3 X Lake Geneva.

This sums up to 8- 10% of global GHG emissions









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The potential economic profit is worth

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The potential social profit is ethically mandatory

The world throws out over 1 billion tons of food each year

while 1 in 9 people globally remain malnourished





The #123 Pledge



#123 simple pledges





to align at least part of their action agenda to one of the impact areas at halving food waste and reduce food losses by at least 25%, by 2030.



from governments, companies, institutions and single entrepreneurs (like chefs).



We are looking for enough concrete commitments to deliver a significant reduction in GHG emissions

All pledges taken together should results in a substantial reduction in GHG emissions, which collectively will help both mitigation and adaption to climate change.



Therefore, we will launch it at COP27 — SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT 2022

About the pledge



- It is a multi-stakeholder cooperation and action movement with the goal of reducing FLW and its GHG emissions
- It involves governments, businesses, civil society, and international
- Stakeholders will make NEW AND
 ADDITIONAL commitments that contribute to the reduction of FLW

- Commitments can be flexible to address
 the priorities already identified by the
 country, company or institution. They can
 be long
- The #123 pledge is hosted by WRI, UNEP and FAO and will be launched at COP27 but will continue towards COP28

Conditions for joining



- The pledge needs to be simple, feasible and aligned with one of the 5 impact areas.
- The pledge must include a climate angle and must be measurable and timebound.
- Participants commit to providing annual progress reports to the Food is Never Waste Coalition or the Champions 12.3.
- Annual progress reports will contribute to the Global Stocktake (GST), which will conclude at COP 28 in 2023.

Impact areas of the #123 Pledge

Integrating food loss and waste reduction into country and company climate strategies 2

Reducing food loss and waste along supply chains 3

Stimulating action at the national and subnational (city) level

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Measuring, reporting and creating policy and regulatory frameworks for FLW reduction 5

Supporting behaviour change at consumer level through awareness, education and enabling conditions





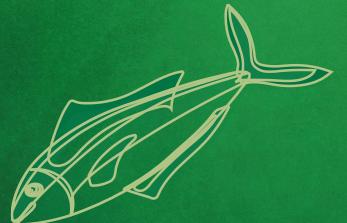
Food is Never Waste Coalition, WRI, UNEP, FAO, Champions 12.3, Cool Coalition

Submit your pledges to:

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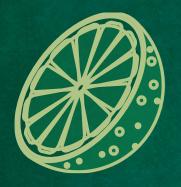
WRAP, WWF, Rabobank















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