

# JRT Newsletter

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Transition



Dear JRT,

Several developments over the past month give me hope about the growing recognition of the critical importance of agriculture and food systems for the future of our climate, planet and people.

Egypt's COP27 Presidency has shown laudable commitment to put agriculture centre stage at the UN climate talks, announcing an entire day focused on adaptation and agriculture. This is an enormous opportunity to ensure that our agri-food systems receive the attention they deserve.

This month we also announced, together with 14 leaders in the food space, COP's first-ever **Food Systems Pavilion**. The organizers span the public, private and civil society sectors – from farmers and youth to policymakers and scientists. This diversity of expertise and insight reflects the importance of collaboration across the value chain in dealing with the scale of our challenge and delivering lasting, equitable solutions.

In the US, the Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law. This marks an important step to support farmers in pursuing practices that mitigate climate change and make American farmland more resilient to flood and drought. The Act, which includes more than \$20 billion to promote climate friendly farming, is an encouraging investment in a sustainable future.

In all, it is heartening to see agriculture rising on political agendas around the world, and I'm excited to join the **African Green Revolution Forum** in Rwanda next week alongside thought-leaders, policymakers, farmers, and innovators to continue discussing how food systems strategies, investment plans, and coordination mechanisms can accelerate action on the ground and ensure a just transition for all.

Momentum is building for a just rural transition, and I am hopeful that we will see COP27 putting it truly in motion.

All the best,

Melissa Pinfield,  
Executive Director,  
Just Rural Transition

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## Events

5–9  
September

### **African Green Revolution Forum 2022 Summit**

  Kigali, Rwanda

Grow. Nourish. Reward – Bold Actions for Resilient Food Systems

**AGRF 2022** will bring together high-level delegates and thought leaders to discuss the practical and actionable solutions that will lead to resilient and sustainable food systems in Africa. Our Executive Director, Melissa Pinfield, will be a panel speaker in the session on **Experiences, Lessons and Tools for National Food Systems Transformation** on 6 September 14:30–16:30 CAT.

[Find out more](#)

19–25  
September

### **Climate Week NYC**

  New York City, USA

Bringing together leaders from business, government and the climate community, in conjunction with the UN General Assembly and the City of New York, **Climate Week NYC** creates a platform to drive climate action. Our Executive Director, Melissa Pinfield, will be attending, so do let us know the events you'll be at and if you'd like to meet up to exchange ideas.

[Find out more](#)

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14  
October

 **JRT Community Dialogue – Save the date!**

 **15:00 – 16:30 BST**

It's our pleasure to invite you to our upcoming October Community Dialogue to share news, exchange ideas and get involved. We'll be in touch soon with an agenda; however, you can register for the event now. We hope to see you there!

[Find out more](#)

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## JRT at COP

While **small-holder farmers**, **Indigenous peoples**, **women** and **youth** are all critical actors in the transition of food systems to meet global **climate**, **nature** and **sustainable development** goals, their voices are often under-represented at major global meetings, including the UNFCCC. In collaboration with the [World Farmers' Organisation](#), the JRT is supporting farmers to attend COP27 and share their unique **insights** and **knowledge**. We are also exploring how to bring other frontline community representatives to COP27. If your organization can provide accreditation or help us guide this process, please get in touch with Alejo Maggini at [amaggini@merid.org](mailto:amaggini@merid.org).

[COP27 agenda](#)

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## #ActionOnFood

JRT is a proud partner in the first-ever [Food Systems Pavilion](#) to be launched at COP. This will provide a focal point for discussions on **actions**, **strategies and solutions** to creating sustainable and equitable food systems and we will be hosting sessions on key issues from boosting nature-positive production to sustainable investment and financing. Interested in getting involved? The call for [session applications is now open](#). Apply before the 15 September to propose your event on transforming food systems under climate change.



[Find out more](#)

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## Policy Action

### Farmers' insights

In the run-up to COP27 we will continue to **amplify farmer voices** and support them to take part in the policymaking process. Following our successful **Practical Perspectives** event in Johannesburg, we look forward to bringing together farmers, farmer organizations, civil societies and others at our next dialogue in Rabat, Morocco on 26–27 September in partnership with the **National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), Morocco**. We'll use the insights and key findings from the dialogues to create a **brief for policymakers** ahead of COP27.



*Discussions at the Practical Perspectives dialogue in South Africa*

## In the field

In July, our Executive Director Melissa Pinfield visited Egypt for consultations with the COP27 Presidency on their new agricultural initiative and saw first-hand how farmers are already adapting to bolster **climate resilience** and **rural livelihoods**.



[Read the blog](#)

For more information on our policy action work, contact: [pac@merid.org](mailto:pac@merid.org)

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## Investment Partnerships

**Boosting women's businesses in Indonesia: A win-win for investors, producers and the planet.**

Investing in women-owned agri-enterprises in Indonesia can contribute to a just rural transition: stimulating climate action, protecting nature, boosting incomes and providing unique opportunities for investors. That's why we are proud to be partnering with [Grow Asia](#), the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#) and [CrossBoundary](#) to co-host a webinar on **Mobilizing Capital for Women-owned Agri-SMEs in Indonesia** on 15 September 9:00–10:30 Western Indonesian Time.

[Join us](#)

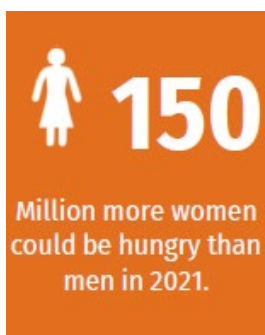
Ahead of the webinar we also ran an **online training session** on our [Agri-SME Digital Finance Tool](#), which aims to fill the gap in financing for agri-SMEs and **strengthen**

agricultural communities.

For more information on investment partnerships, contact JRT Investment Partnerships Senior Manager, Victoria Crawford: [crawford@wbcsd.com](mailto:crawford@wbcsd.com)

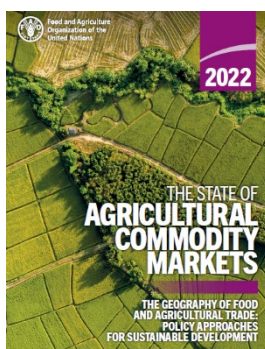
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## Knowledge shared



### Food Security and Gender Equality: A synergistic understudied symphony

This report by [CARE](#) shows a strong correlation at a global level between gender inequality and food insecurity. As **gender inequality** rises, it concludes, people get less food to eat on a national and global scale. This holds true across more than half the countries in the world.



### The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2022: The geography of food and agricultural trade

SOCO 2022 explores the **geography of trade**, analyzing food and agricultural trade and its patterns across countries and regions, its drivers and the trade policy environment. Trade policies in food and agriculture should aim to **safeguard global food security**, address the trade-offs between economic and environmental objectives, and strengthen the resilience of the global agrifood system to shocks, such as conflicts, pandemics and extreme weather.

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## Community

Our community continues to grow! We would like to welcome:

- [Efficiency for Access](#), a global coalition to accelerate clean energy access through affordable, high-performing and inclusive appliances.
- [One More Salary](#), which works to eradicate poverty by promoting social entrepreneurship and creating income-generating activities in emerging and developing countries.

## Interested in being part of the just transition?

The JRT Vision Statement is open for endorsement by governments and other key stakeholders and we welcome your support.

[Read our Vision Statement here](#), and click the button below to submit an application.

[Click here to submit an application](#)

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