

# JRT Newsletter

February 2023



Dear JRT,

Integrating climate, nature, and social equity goals into both short- and long-term food crises responses has never been more critical. The devastating earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria on 6 February have underlined the vital role of humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters and other crises. At the same time, they remind us that we can't rely on over-burdened humanitarian agencies to address every disaster. The scope and complexity of the food crisis in particular requires much more concerted, long-term, and far-reaching actions to change the ways we produce, trade, and consume food.

The need for a just and systemic change was emphasized in a recent [Joint Statement on the Global Food and Nutrition Security Crisis](#) by the heads of the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Food Programme, and World Trade Organization. The statement makes several urgent recommendations to reverse worsening food and nutrition security, including enhancing private sector policies and repurposing harmful subsidies.

At the Just Rural Transition initiative, we know that actions like these – as essential as they are – must also incorporate climate, nature, and social equity goals to achieve truly sustainable, resilient, and just food systems. Our latest policy brief, [Integrating Climate and Nature Sustainability into Food Crisis Responses](#), sets out the steps governments and donors must take to ensure triple wins for people, climate, and nature. Our upcoming [Community Dialogue](#) will also present a revised set of just rural transition principles for the agrifood sector – see below to find out how you can be involved in this exciting event.

All the best,  
JRT Secretariat

---

## Events

01  
March

You're invited to the JRT March Community Dialogue!

05:00-06:00 EST | 10:00-11:00 GMT | 13:00-14:00 EAT

Or

10:00-11:00 EST | 15:00-16:00 GMT | 18:00-19:00 EAT

The JRT Secretariat has been working with our Senior Technical Advisor [Aaron Atteridge](#) to develop a framing paper and set of principles on just transitions in the agrifood sector. At the upcoming Community Dialogue on 1 March, the JRT Secretariat will present these just transition principles together with the results of a recent community survey on the subject, followed by a group discussion. We will take feedback from these discussions to finalize the just transition principles and framing paper for publication in late March.

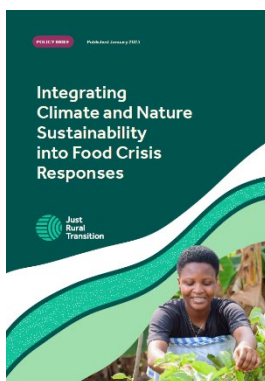
This dialogue will be held in two identical sessions to accommodate as wide a range of time zones as possible across our diverse community. We hope you'll be able to join us at the session that best suits you!

[Register here](#)

---

## Policy

### New brief finds food crisis responses that support climate and nature



JRT's latest policy brief, [Integrating Climate and Nature Sustainability into Food Crisis Responses](#), explores how governments and international donors can increase funding to adapt and expand existing programmes to integrate and build on climate and nature objectives while avoiding short-term measures that lock in unsustainable production and consumption patterns.

The brief found that both short- and long-term policy responses to the world's food crisis can maximize opportunities to build long-term resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural production, and boost ecosystem health. This can deliver sustainable and healthy nutritional outcomes to achieve a triple win for people, climate, and nature.

[Read the brief](#)

## Meet the women advancing a just rural transition

To celebrate International Women's Day, JRT is championing the women who are working to make a just rural transition a reality. Following recommendations from the JRT community, we're talking to women around the world – from nutrition researchers to renewable energy entrepreneurs to grassroots activists – to find out how their work helps the global agrifood systems become more sustainable, inclusive, and just. Highlights from the interviews will be published in early March.

Do you know someone who deserves to be featured in a future publication? Or would you like more information about getting involved in JRT communications? Get in touch by emailing [jrt@merid.org](mailto:jrt@merid.org)

---

## Investment

### Strengthening suppliers to shape equitable food systems

A stable, resilient, and transparent supply chain is essential to a thriving agribusiness sector, and the strengthening of supply chain partners is emerging as a priority for best practice in procurement. JRT and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development have developed [six case studies](#) highlighting how large agrifood companies can improve market access and strengthen relations with small- and medium-sized suppliers in their value chains. The case studies examine the business case for supplier engagement, explore elements of good procurement practice, and identify lessons learned to promote peer learning.

[Read more here](#)

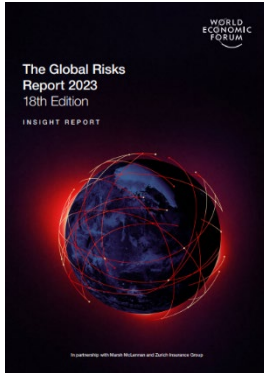
---

## Knowledge sharing



### **Food, Nature and Health Transitions – Repeatable Country Models**

The World Economic Forum, in collaboration with Bain & Company, has published a report identifying the actions, collaborations, and investments that can accelerate country-led transitions to more inclusive and resilient food systems.



### **Global Risks Report 2023**

The World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report 2023 highlights the most severe risks facing us in the coming decade and how we can abate them by negotiating trade-offs and bolstering future resilience.



### **Generating the evidence base for tracking landscape restoration and enhancing stakeholder engagement**

Part of Regreening Africa's Insights Series, this brief brings together insights from the initiative's land restoration efforts to see how best to build stakeholder engagement and capacity. It finds that successful stakeholder engagement requires adaptive, committed relationships.



### **Good Food System Transition: Repurposing agricultural support to promote fiscal resilience, human and planetary health**

The Good Food Finance Network's latest insight blog shines a light on diets associated with high environmental and public health costs. It calls for policymakers and institutional investors to collaborate to repurpose agricultural policies and public support towards healthier and more sustainable food systems.

---

## Community and announcements

We look forward to convening the JRT community on 1 March for our upcoming Community Dialogue. Remember to [register here](#) for one of our two sessions or get in touch to learn about more opportunities to collaborate with JRT.

---

## Interested in being part of the just rural transition?

### 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.

[Join the JRT community](#)

## Connect with us



in

<https://justruraltransition.org/>  
[contact@justruraltransition.org](mailto:contact@justruraltransition.org)

*Copyright © 2023 Just Rural Transition, All rights reserved.*

Want to change how you receive these emails?

[update your preferences](#)   [unsubscribe from this list](#)