REDUCING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE: ADVANCING THE AGENDA

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SDG TARGET 12.3 ON FOOD LOSS AND WASTE: 2017 PROGRESS REPORT
An annual update on behalf of Champions 12.3

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. SDG 12 seeks to "ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns." The third target under the goal (Target 12.3) calls for halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along production and supply chains (including postharvest losses) by 2030.

To what degree has the world made progress toward achieving Target 12.3? This second annual progress report assesses advances by governments and companies over the past 12 months relative to a three-step approach for reducing food loss and waste: target, measure, and act.

Targets set ambition, and ambition motivates action. Therefore, a first step toward reducing food loss and waste is for governments and companies to set specific reduction targets aligned with SDG Target 12.3. One landmark highlight of the past 12 months is the Global Agro-Business Alliance’s Food and Agricultural Product Loss Reduction, under which members will reduce their rate of food loss by 30 percent by 2020. The Global Agro-Business Alliance is a global coalition of leading agricultural companies, including growers, processors, primary processors, and traders. This initiative complements the Food Waste Resolution adopted by the General Assembly in 2015.

What gets measured gets managed, and quantifying food loss and waste within borders, operations, and supply chains can help decision makers better understand how much, when, and why food is being lost or wasted. Such data also is the foundation for prioritizing reduction strategies and for monitoring progress. One highlight of the past 12 months is that a number of companies in the food sector—including Kellogg, Conagra Brands, Danone, K Kellogg Company, Nestlé, and Pat, Sainsbury’s, and Tesco—are not just measuring but also publicly reporting their food loss and waste inventories, thereby demonstrating best practices for the private sector.

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WHAT GETS MEASURED
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IS THE WORLD ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE TARGET 12.3 BY 2030?

Road Map to Achieving SDG Target 12.3

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ASSESSING PROGRESS

**Green**
There is sufficient progress to suggest that the sector is on track to meet or exceed the milestone within the time period.

**Yellow**
There is some progress toward meeting the milestone, but it is below the pace needed to meet the milestone within the time period.

**Red**
There is little progress toward meeting the milestone, or previous progress is backsliding.

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Countries or regional blocs that have set reduction targets aligned with SDG Target 12.3 cover an estimated **28 percent** of the world’s population.

Nearly **60 percent** of the world’s 50 largest food companies participate in programs that have a food loss and waste reduction target.

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Only a few countries currently measure and report on food loss and waste. But these countries add up to just 7 percent of the world’s population.

Only a few of the world’s largest food companies are measuring and publicly reporting on food loss and waste within their operations.

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There has been a burgeoning of initiatives but these efforts do not approach covering **20 percent** of the world’s population by 2018, the first milestone.

More than **10 percent** of the world’s **50 largest** food companies now have active food loss and waste reduction programs.
LOOKING AHEAD

- Consumer Engagement
- A Movement
- A Compelling Case
THANK YOU

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