

Have an idea for Sustainable Food Systems?

**Receive up to €1000
in Project Funding!**

Food Systems Innovation Challenge

Nature-based
Solutions edition

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***In-person Info session of the
challenge at BAU campus***

18 FEB (TUES) 19:00

Location: Fisheries Faculty
Conference Room.

1st Floor, Prof. Dr. AKM Aminul
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Fisheries, BAU, Mymensingh



Calling all ambitious, innovative, and visionary students ready to tackle this challenge and make our food systems more sustainable!

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Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are defined by IUCN as "actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems, that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits".

Timeline of the Challenge (2025)

- February - April:** Online info & on campus sessions
- 1 April:** Deadline concept note & closing application form
- 23 April:** Announcement selected teams
- 24 April - Sept.:** Students work on challenge
- End of September:** Invitation to the Grand Finals event in the Netherlands

What is the Challenge about?

In the quest to address pressing global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and food security, the concept of **nature-based solutions** in food systems is emerging. Wageningen University & Research (WUR) and the Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP) invite you to join the 2025 Food Systems Challenge on Nature-based solutions.

The Overall Assignment of the challenge

The overall assignment for the 2025 Food Systems Innovation Challenge is to **design** and **implement** a local project that incorporates a **nature-based solution** in a local food system, thereby generating impact in various domains and making our current food systems more sustainable and resilient to climate change.

Two selected student teams from each participating university will **receive up to €1,000 project money** and join various masterclasses and workshops from experts. This six-month challenge runs from **April to September 2025**.

The universities participating this year include Bangladesh Agricultural University, Esalq-USP, Kathmandu University, Lukenya University, Makerere University, the University of Abuja, the University of Brawijaya, the University of Ghana, Wollo University, and Wageningen University & Research.

Gain Exclusive Experiences and Expand your Professional Network

The challenge concludes with a multi-day Grand Finals at Wageningen University & Research and excursion in the Netherlands. From each of the selected teams, one representative will be invited to attend the Grand Finals. The team members of the winning teams are invited to join the unique [Youth Food Lab Incubator Program](#) of WUR, FAO and IAAS World.



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