



Slow Food USA®

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# Theory of Change



# 2024-27 Strategic Intentions



## Slow Food is a grassroots network

Strategic intentions are focused on building capacity for the network, powering up areas where there is local energy, and weaving leaders together.

## Slow Food is global

The strength of the network is our global impact. We focus on ways to connect beyond local communities, be staunch allies to our network, and show up to collaborate.

## Slow Food is Joy + Justice

No one is free until we are all free. We focus on equity, inclusion and justice for individuals, communities and systems.



## Delegates

Delegates get access to panels, roundtables and networking spaces at the event; an invitation to participate in the Slow Food USA National Meeting and booth; logistical support; and extra networking opportunities before, during and after the event. **Applications open on Thursday, Feb. 1.**

## North America Booth

- Showcase the biodiversity of the region and communities building a future of food sovereignty.
- Provide space for delegates from around the world to rest, connect with each other in an informal way, and trade food.
- Build relationships across the region, as we organize and curate the space.



# Terra Madre Americas



## Inaugural Event

A gathering of food producers, eaters, farm workers, scientists, Slow Food leaders, cooks, and researchers to meet in Sacramento for the first time to discuss the intersections of climate, social justice, and education in the food and beverage industry. **May 17-19, 2024 in Sacramento, CA.**

## Programming

- Slow Food Coffee Coalition
- Slow Food Wine Coalition
- Biocultural Territories of Latin America & the Caribbean
- Food & Health Education Area
- Leader Gathering with Edie Mukiibi



## Farm Bill

Demand passage of a Farm Bill that prioritizes local food production and the environment

## Food Policy Chapter Coalition

Mobilize key chapter networks to connect with their elected officials to advance good food legislation

## School Wellness Policy Toolkit

Equip Slow Food activists with the tools to improve school nutrition



# Education



## Slow Food Exchange

This gathering brings together the hospitality industry and producers for a field trip, a roundtable discussion about sourcing and cooking, an instructional lunch, happy hour, and a public-facing dinner. Supported by Slow Food Negrone Week Fund.

## Leader Portal

A centralized space for resources, technical support, connection with other leaders, and short courses. Dovetails with Slack.

## Leadership Incubator

A 6-month course for a small cohort of 7-8 leaders to build relationships, support each other, learn key skills to grow their chapters, and build deeper ties between groups.





## Plant a Seed

This year, we focus on grains and roots!

## Slow Seed Summit

Theme: *Ground yourself: Seeds and systems change for soil, human and planetary health.* March 1-2, 2024.  
Keynote presenter Rupa Marya.

## Slow Fish 2024: Charleston

November 1-3, 2024 at College of Charleston, SC.

## Affinity Groups

BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ groups are meeting regularly.



# Plant a Seed 2024