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Science Council report on
food system risks and
horizon scanning

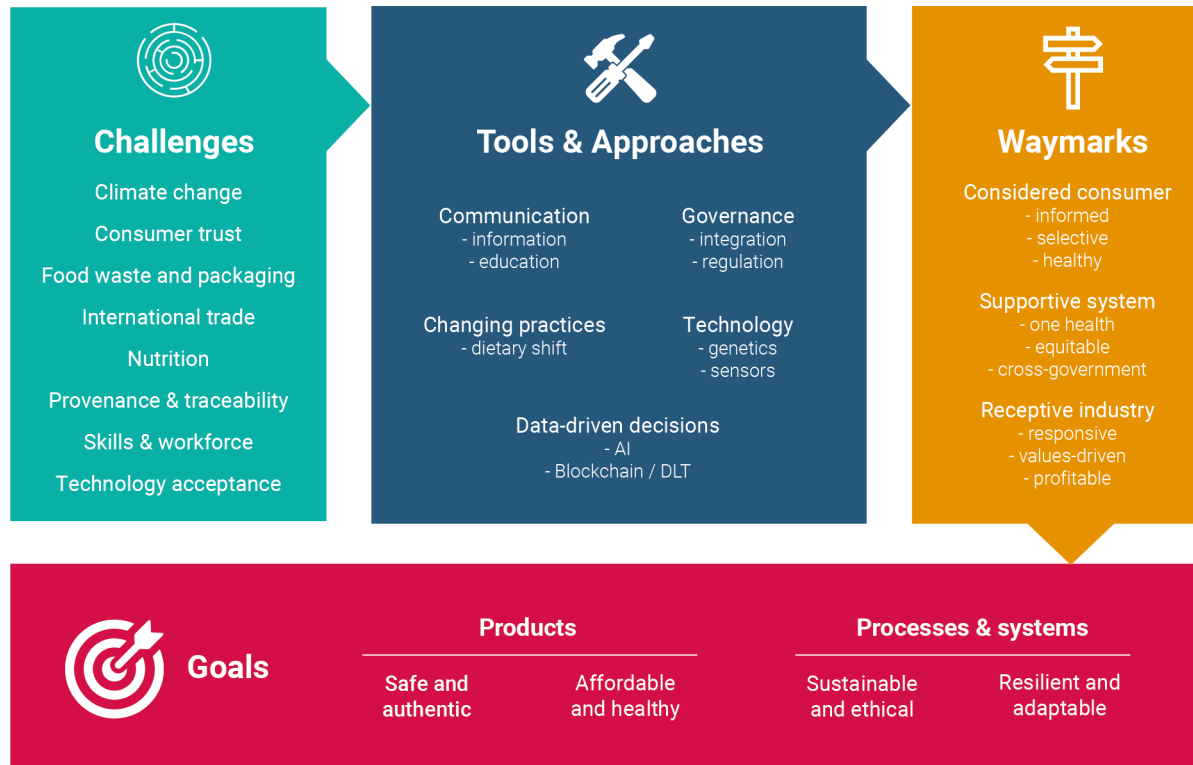
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Documents

RAND Europe (January 2019), *Insights into global food system risks and opportunities and their implications for the FSA* 

Science Council (May 2019), *Final Report: from the Science Council Working Group on Food System Risks and Horizon Scanning to the Food Standards Agency* 

The RAND report proposed a framework setting out the challenges facing the global food system and the pathway towards a safe and authentic UK food system



Overall considerations

- There is no single model for how horizon scanning should be done in an organisation. The FSA will design a system that will work in harmony with other business activities
- Scanning for signals is the easy part! The value added for the FSA will be the development of deeper understanding and appropriate and timely follow-up action
- Assurance measures to show that horizon scanning is meeting expectations will help to avoid complacency and facilitate appropriate business process adjustments

Horizon scanning(HS): summary of recommendations

- Timeline: 5-10y
- Integration with FSA business: Business processes; ownership; inputs.
- Encourage culture of sharing and «buy-in» necessary for success
- Avail of HS in other government agencies/departments
- Input from SACs
- Annual stakeholder workshop using «live encounters» to optimize expert elicitation (learned societies, industry, other government departments, etc)
- Follow-up: track topics; further analysis to deepen understanding
- Post-implementation review to check performance
- Support research to develop new tools to analyse food systems risks

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