

## OUTCOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

### Sustainable Food Security and Nutrition Under Agriculture Transformation and Urbanization

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, 9:00 – 13:00

Agricultural Information Institute of CAAS – Beijing, China

This international seminar was hosted by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and co-organized by the Agricultural Information Institute (AII) of CAAS and the HLPE. This seminar discussed the ongoing changes in agriculture and food systems, in a context of urbanization and rural transformations, and their impacts on food security and nutrition (FSN) in China and in the World. This event, chaired by Professor Mei Fangquan, former Director General of AII of CAAS and HLPE Steering Committee member, attracted a large audience, including academics, journalists, officials from Chinese government, representatives of FAO and WFP, representatives of private corporations or private foundations.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr Zhang Lubiao, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department of Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) highlighted the importance of scientific, technical, financial, political and institutional innovations to meet the future food demand in China and at the global level. He also mentioned the engagement of China for food security and nutrition in South Asia with the Belt and Road initiative, as well as in Africa. Dr Patrick Caron, HLPE Steering Committee Chairperson, highlighted the important role that China plays in the transformation of agriculture and food systems.

This half-day event was organized in two sessions.

During the first session, Dr Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project Team leader, presented the main findings of the forthcoming HLPE report on *Nutrition and food systems*. The report analyzes the interactions between changing food systems and evolving diets and points out the changes needed in food systems to achieve enhanced FSN for all in a sustainable way. During the discussion, Dr Guo Pei, Dean of the School of Economics and Management in China Agricultural University, focused on the importance of investments and public-private partnerships along the food value chain to provide more, better and safer food. He also highlighted the important contribution of small producers to FSN. Dr Nie Fengying, HLPE Project team member and AII Deputy Director General, then shared the outcomes of an AII research project on FSN in poor rural areas in China and called for enhanced nutrition education and for incorporation of nutrition targets into poverty reduction goals. In his comments, Mr Qu Sixi, WFP China representative, presented FSN as an important condition of poverty alleviation. He highlighted the specific role of women and the need for women empowerment.

During the second session, Dr Patrick Caron presented the HLPE, the science-policy interface of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), whose core mission is to provide scientific analysis on complex issues related to FSN in order to inform political discussions in CFS. He presented the HLPE 2<sup>nd</sup> note on *Critical and emerging issues for FSN (2017)*<sup>1</sup> which highlights 9 main issues that would deserve further attention in future global policy debates. Dr Kevin Chen, IFPRI Senior Research Fellow and Director of China Program, praised the HLPE for its comprehensive approach

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/critical-and-emerging-issues/en/>

of FSN that, beyond economic and technical issues, also covers the political dimensions of FSN, and stressed the importance of good governance and strong institutions to ensure FSN. Dr Chen Mengshan, Director of the National Food Security and Nutrition Consultant Council, presented the considerable economic and social transformations ongoing in China and their impacts on agriculture and food systems, diets and, finally, on FSN. He developed the new vision encompassed in the China Food and Nutrition Development Program (2014-2020). The discussant, Mr Lu Xiaoping, Director of the CIP<sup>2</sup> China Center for Asia Pacific Region, recalled China's starvation history. He acknowledged the importance of progressing towards better nutrition but stressed that ending hunger remains the first challenge.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Wu Kongming, Vice-President of CAAS recalled the engagement of Chinese government in food security and poverty reduction and the role of CAAS in agricultural development during the past 60 years. Dr Wang Ren, FAO Assistant Director General, praised the evidence-based and holistic approach, as well as the increasing impact of the HLPE work. He also highlighted, as an inspiring example for FAO and the HLPE, the importance given by China to investments and innovations in agriculture.

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<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Registration / Welcome</b>
<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
09:00-09:10	Chairman: Prof. Mei Fangquan, CAAS
09:10-09:20	Welcome Remarks from Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)
09:20-09:30	Remarks and Introduction of CFS HLPE
<b>Session 1</b>	
09:30-09:50	<b>Preliminary findings of the HLPE report on Nutrition and food systems</b> Dr. Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project team leader
09:50-10:10	<b>Food Security and Nutrition in Poverty Areas in China</b> Dr. Nie Fengying, Deputy Director of Agricultural Information Institute of CAAS
10:10-10:30	Discussion with the floor
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break
<b>Session 2</b>	
10:50-11:10	<b>Critical and Emerging Issues in Food Security and Nutrition</b> Dr. Patrick Caron, HLPE Chair
11:10-11:30	Discussion with the floor
11:30-11:50	<b>China's Food Security and Nutrition in Transformation Era</b> Dr. Chen Mengshan, Director of National Food Security and Nutrition Consultant Council (TBC)
11:50-12:10	<b>Youth Innovative Participation for Sustainable Food Security and Nutrition</b> Ms. Courtney Paisley, YPARD Global Coordinator (TBC)
12:10-12:30	Discussion with the floor
<b>12:30-12:40</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>

## 农业转型与城镇化背景下的可持续食物安全与营养

### 国际研讨会

2017年5月26日 9:00 – 13:00

中国农业科学院农业信息研究所- 中国, 北京

**主旨:** 随着城市化进程的推进及全球范围内食物系统的发展, 农业转型对可持续食物安全和营养的各个层面带来了机遇和挑战。此次国际研讨会旨在分享世界粮食安全委员会高级别专家组指导委员会关于“营养和食物系统”报告成果, 讨论在 2030 年议程的总体视角下关于“可持续食物安全与营养的重点问题”, 并展开促进全球食物安全和与营养可持续性发展的政策研讨。

08:00-09:00	会议注册/欢迎茶歇
09:00-09:30	开场及致辞
09:00-09:10	主持人开场辞: 梅方权研究员, 世界粮食安全委员会高级别专家组指导委员会委员
09:10-09:20	中国农业科学院领导致辞
09:20-09:30	世界粮食安全委员会高级别专家组指导委员会 (HLPE) 致辞及介绍
<b>主题 1</b>	
09:30-09:50	<b>高专组关于营养和食物系统报告的初步调查结果</b> Jessica Fanzo 博士, 高专组项目组长
09:50-10:10	<b>中国贫困地区食物安全与营养</b> 聂凤英 研究员, 中国农业科学院农业信息研究所副所长
10:10-10:30	讨论
10:30-10:50	茶歇
<b>主题 2</b>	
10:50-11:10	<b>可持续食物安全与营养的重点问题</b> Patrick Caron 博士, 高专组主席
11:10-11:30	讨论
11:30-11:50	<b>中国转型期的食物安全与营养</b> 陈萌山 博士, 国家食物与营养委员会主任(待定)
11:50-12:10	<b>青年参与农业发展与食物营养</b> Courtney Paisley, 全球农业发展青年论坛 (YPARD) 主席(待定)
12:10-12:30	讨论
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