



## CFS Plenary 47

### II: Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030

#### Statement by Switzerland

Thank you, Chair.

- Switzerland **welcomes the HLPE 2020 report** “Building a Global narrative towards 2030”. This report proves once again that the decision to establish the HLPE in 2009 as a key component of the CFS was the right one. The HLPE enables us all to work based on hard evidence and state of the art knowledge.
- The perspective of the HLPE on food systems and their challenges should be the departure and reference point for all our future discussions. This is also the case with the Panel’s conclusion that a critical policy shift is needed in order to avoid falling short on the Agenda 2030, that a radical transformation of food systems is necessary and that moving towards more sustainable food systems is key.
- Particularly, we would like to highlight the expanded understanding of food security and nutrition through the dimensions of agency and sustainability. Hence, food security is only given when food is available, accessible and utilizable, when individuals and groups are their own food agents and when the food is sustainably sourced.
- It will be of utmost importance that the **ongoing and future work of the CFS fully integrates this evolved understanding of food security and nutrition**, as this was already endorsed by CFS45.
- To conclude, Switzerland sees four important aspects to successfully transform food systems to make sure we “leave no one behind”:
  1. Recognize and **apply the expanded understanding** of food security and nutrition in the new FSN frameworks;
  2. **Consider current trends** in the context of FSN in the design of future policy directions;
  3. **Shift to an integrated food systems approach** taking into account all the socio-economic and environmental aspects as well as all positive and all negative externalities attached to different food systems;



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- 4. Reinforce the importance of international coordination and work through Multi-stakeholder partnerships towards enabling conditions, as challenges are complex and systemic and cannot be addressed in a top-down and linear fashion.**

Finally, I would like to echo the statement made by the President of IFAD, which he delivered this morning: “Let us be ambitious, imaginative and innovative.

Thank you, Chair

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