

(Final) Thailand's intervention to Committee on World Food Security (CFS47)
Item 4a: CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023
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Thank you Mr.Chair

Thailand underlines the needs for increasing financial support and human resources to ensure full implementation of MYPoW 2020-2023. We support the Chair and secretariate in their efforts to expand and diversify the CFS financing base, in line with the FAO guidelines.

With specific regard to the cost estimate, we would like make two suggestions:

- 1) For the sake of clarity, we suggest to specify different cost of in-person and virtual meetings for the activity 1.1.2 on data collection in paragraph 6 (50,000 USD) and the activity 2.1.3 on gender equality in paragraph 15 (500,000 USD).
- 2) For the sake of transparency, we suggest to provide more details on cost of 'Communication, outreach and resource mobilization', whose estimation might be sensibly reduced from current \$200,000 in the context of the 'new normality' of virtual work induced by the pandemic.

With regard to the upcoming activities, we look forward to the conclusion of the inclusive discussion on the development of the 'Policy Recommendations on Agro-ecological and other innovative approaches' which represent an important CFS contribution to the Food Systems Summit, with particular regard to Action Track 3 ('Boost nature-positive production')

We support the work on promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems which is of the utmost importance for global agricultural development in consideration of the problem posed by aging farming population. We think it very important to attract young people to agriculture and to retain them in the agricultural sector is to create a positive vision and a new narrative of agricultural professions.

With regard to proposal advanced by several delegations to include Covid-19 in CFS MYPoW work plan, Thailand has no strong objections, provided the necessary financial and human resources are made available and duplication of work is avoided. We think that continuation of Covid-19 workstream in CFS MYPoW would be of global relevance and interest, given the excellent job done by CFS HLPE in collaboration with RBAs to mitigate impacts of pandemic on food systems and on food security and nutrition

With this statement, Thailand endorses the MYPoW rolling section.

Thank you Mr.Chair.