

- Thank you Chair. The United States compliments the CFS Secretariat and the Chair for their work this past year on implementing the CFS MYPoW, particularly given the challenges of COVID-19.
- We would like to reiterate the importance of the workstream on “Data Collection and Analysis Tools,”
- We see data as one of the critical gaps that limit countries from taking effective action to address SDG and create more resilient sustainable food systems. We see the workstream here providing a clarifying role on the importance of data, noting how it can be used to support agricultural policy making, monitoring and reporting, identifying major data gaps, and identifying best practices and pathways to improve data capabilities at country level.
- While we fully recognize the multitude of impacts that COVID-19 continues to have on food security and nutrition, the United States does not support adding a policy guidance process on COVID-19 to the MYPoW.
- The CFS already has a very ambitious MYPoW scheduled for 2020-2023. It would be extremely difficult to add additional items to the current MYPoW without delaying or cancelling some of the currently planned work. Already, in just the first year of implementing the current MYPoW, we have seen slippage on its implementation
- We note that even without a dedicated workstream on Covid-19, there are multiple CFS recommendation on the subject including in the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, HLPE Issues paper and we expect that it will also be in the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches.

- That is to say we do not need a separate worksteam on Covid-19 as it is embedded throughout CFS work.
- For these reasons, we endorse the updated rolling section of the CFS MYPoW and do not support any additional changes at this time.