

## **CFS 48 Special Plenary Session**

### **BRAZIL**

Thank you, Mr Chair,

First of all, I would like to commend the leading role performed by the Rapporteur of the process, the distinguished Representative of Nigeria, Ambassador Yaya Olaniran.

Ambassador Yaya, without your guidance, this complex task would not have been completed in time. A mention must be made to the excellent work of Chiara Cirulli and all the CFS Secretariat.

Mr Chair,

Brazil favors that the CFS achieves a more efficient way of developing its policy convergence processes. Our work must be focused. We should not try to replicate or emulate - and, sometimes, try to substitute - negotiations or agreements that belong to other fora. That approach consumed more than 100 hours of negotiation, what brings the risk of preventing smaller delegations - usually from developing countries - to take effective part on the negotiations. These important discussions cannot be held only between a handful of stakeholders.

Mr Chairman,

Combating poverty and inequality, within and among countries, - the major drivers of hunger and malnutrition - is the most pressing urgency the world faces today. Promoting the 2030 Agenda and accelerating the achievement of all the SDGs is the way towards tackling this issue. In this sense, the transformation of agri-food systems is not an end in itself, but a means of seeking to guarantee food and nutritional security through healthy diets. We do expect that these Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches, endorsed today, to contribute to that aim.

Brazil has been implementing comprehensive public policies on agroecology for almost a decade now. As a result of multistakeholder consultations, public laws and instruments were put in place to promote agroecology and organic production. Brazil is engaged in promoting all production systems that bring greater income for the producers, greater efficiency in the use of inputs, resilience and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Recent examples of this are the launch of Carbon Neutral Beef, the Low-Carbon Agriculture (ABC+), among many other policies and actions to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases in Brazilian agriculture and adapt it to better cope with climate change.

Mr Chair,

In our discussions and negotiations we felt the absence of deepening some aspects and views of the problems presented. Reference should be made to unsustainable patterns of consumption, especially in high income countries, which pose an enormous burden on natural resources and

GHG emissions. In addition, the current system of agricultural subsidies, which consumes more than half a trillion dollars annually, is a major source of food insecurity, globally, as well as environmental degradation by the producers who are awarded with this unfair prize. This discussion is never present when talking about the so-called “true cost of food”.

Secondly, at the same time that food systems remain ONE of the drivers of climate change and the planet`s unfolding environmental crisis, greater attention must be drawn towards the major, pivotal role of fossil fuels in GHG emissions and of the need to adapt agriculture and food systems to the impacts of climate change. In this sense, it should not be forgotten that countries have different historical responsibilities for global warming, and that more than 70% of emissions come from fossil fuels. Agriculture must be recognized for its role in preserving biodiversity, conserving soils and springs, restoring pastures and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This discussion was not present enough in our negotiations.

Mr Chair,

Restrictive and excluding narratives, which seek to shape the future of food systems in the image of the productive systems of some specific temperate-climate models should be avoided. Our collective goal must be the same as the ultimate goal and mandate of the CFS, which is to work towards food security, combatting all forms of malnutrition, so that, eventually, we can see the actual guarantee of the Right to Food to everyone on the planet.

Thank you very much.