

## **CFS 50<sup>th</sup> plenary session**

### **II. Ministerial Segment: Coordinating policy responses to the global food crisis – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022.**

10 October, 10-18 h, FAO

WFO Statement, delivered by Ms Elizabeth Nsimadala, WFO Board Member for Africa

Dear Excellencies, dear colleagues,

WFO presents its compliments to the CFS Chair, Secretariat and the Member States for all the efforts and the excellent work done to organize the 50<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the Committee.

My name is Elizabeth Nsimadala, I am a young farmer from Uganda and WFO Board Member for the African Constituency.

We highly welcome the SOFI 2022 report on “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World”, although we are severely concerned for the trends showing how world hunger and malnutrition increased further in 2021, worsened by the consequences of the Covid19 pandemics as well as of conflicts that are heavily impacting on food prices, inputs, social and

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economic stability globally.

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As farmers, we are at the forefront of multiple crisis namely climate change, access to inputs and increased food prices which impact the agricultural production. We are committed to do our part in securing food for all, and we are well conscious that we cannot win this battle alone.

Indeed, while the costs of production are on the rise, we must make sure that farmers get a fair price for their products at the farm gate. This entails a decentralization in value chains, with more effective contract farming.

We, farmers, call on Governments and all other stakeholders to act together at national level, and immediately on different priorities namely improving farmers' access to inputs, to natural resources (first land and water), to social policies, to markets (at all levels, starting from local markets), to innovation, to insurances, to financial and non-financial opportunities.

Farmers and family farmers are key actors for the achievement of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Hence if we do not create the right and fair conditions for farmers to get incomes and increase their livelihoods from their farms, how can the future of agriculture be ensured?

And we all know that with no farming, there can be no sustainable food systems.

Thank you.