

SWITZERLAND - STATEMENT

Part I – Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues for Food Security and Nutrition (for discussion)

- We thank the HLPE for the preparation of the note on Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues identifying key issues affecting Food Security and Nutrition. We especially welcome the heading that recognizes that some of the key issues continue to exist and are therefore enduring. We welcome the fact that the HLPE does not limit itself to name emerging issues.
- We consider three of the identified key issues to be particularly relevant for the work of this committee for its new MYPoW 2024-2027:
- Firstly, **Urban and peri-urban food systems:**
 - At a time of rapid urbanization, cities are becoming increasingly important agents of change including on policies and action aimed at providing access to healthy diets for all.
 - Getting food systems right at the peri-urban and urban level will be an important way for countries to turn global commitments into local realities.
 - This theme also ties in with the results of last year's UNFSS21 where cities were identified as important drivers for sustainable food systems.
 - We suggest this topic of urban and peri-urban food systems to be selected for the 2024 HLPE report.
- Secondly, **Revitalizing climate policies for Food Security and Nutrition:**
 - Climate change remains a critical and enduring global threat to food security and nutrition.

- It is vital to evaluate and revise existing policies, and to find forward-looking policy instruments.
- Adaptation and mitigation policies should be looked at from the perspective of Food Security and Nutrition and they should integrate a human-right based approach, as well as sustainability to build resilient production systems, such as agroecological ones.
- **Thirdly, Building resilient and equitable supply chains for food security and nutrition:**
- Food supply chains have become increasingly complex in recent decades and risk disruption from many different types of shocks, including conflict, climate variability, financial shocks and pandemics,.

Given the growing frequency of shocks and the potential for additional crises from a range of sources, it is imperative to take a deeper look at the types of vulnerabilities and inequities within food supply chains, and to suggest ways to make them more equitable and resilient so that they are able to function to support all six dimensions of food security.

Mr. Chair

- As the HLPE Steering Committee outlines in the introduction of its note, the critical, emerging and enduring issues overlap, intersect and are cross-cutting. These aspects should also be taken into account in the selection of topics for the MYPOW. Without losing focus, the topics should be defined broadly enough to cover all relevant aspects in order to address the complex issues.
- Switzerland considers a human rights based approach and addressing all six dimensions of food security, including agency and sustainability as crucial for CFS's strategic direction towards 2030.