

USG STATEMENT:

- Thank you very much. As we work collectively to realize the 2030 Agenda, we welcome this initiative to take stock of the use and application of the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems adopted in 2014.
- The United States strongly agrees that transparent and stable policies, legal frameworks, and incentives at country and regional levels are essential to take the CFS-RAI Principles to the next level.
- The United States, as a leading actor in responsible investment in agriculture and food systems both at home and abroad, recognizes the value of the 10 Principles of the CFS- RAI.
- Recognizing the challenges to widespread adoption of CFS-RAI as outlined in the CFS supporting documents, the United States supports the CFS's efforts to raise awareness and build capacity on the topic of Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems.
- Earlier this year, recognizing the need to target support for small holder farmers so they can continue to produce, the United States contributed \$150 million to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), which invests in smallholder farmers and producer organizations in the poorest countries.
- Thanks to the U.S. contribution, along with support from other donors, GAFSP launched a new Call for Proposals last week to respond to the urgent needs of the current crisis and to support resilient, climate-smart agriculture and food systems. Consistent with RAI Principle 3, that call for proposals will prioritize program submissions that empower women.
- Thank you.