

Intervention Norway

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- Colleagues and delegates,
It is a great honour to address you at this critical time of global food security.
- Hunger affects around 9.2 percent of the world population and has been on the rise for many years.
- Global food systems are vulnerable. We are still recovering from a global pandemic. Rising food and energy prices have been magnified by the war in Ukraine. Climate change and conflicts threatens food production and access to food globally.
- The poor are suffering the most. There is need for strengthened efforts at local, national, and global level.
- I would like to highlight some priorities for Norway:
- Firstly, promoting small-scale farmers is a priority in Norway's development cooperation to end hunger. Solutions must build on farmers needs and priorities. Family farming is also the backbone of agriculture in Norway.
- Secondly, it is important to include aquatic foods in our strategies. This is in line with the CFS recommendation on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. We also promote this through our leadership in the "Global Action Network", with focus on sustainable food from the Oceans and inland waters.

Furthermore Chair,

- CFS is an inclusive platform for governments and stakeholders. We are working together on developing policies on world food security.
- Norway is committed to a human-rights based approach. The principles of the right to food and good governance should be integrated.
- The recommendations of CFS must play a leading role so that we can achieve food security and nutrition for all.
- This year, the "Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment" will be presented for endorsement.
- All around the world, women are a vital part of farming and fisheries, engaging in subsistence activities as well as commercial food production, processing and marketing.

- Yet women face greater limitations than men in accessing resources. According to a new report by FAO, closing the gender gap in food systems, the global gross domestic product would increase by 1 percent.

Furthermore Chair,

- Norway welcomes the analysis on urbanisation and food security, presented in the SOFI report 2023.
- By 2050, almost seven in ten people are expected to live in cities globally.
- In Norway, much of the best agricultural land is located around cities and towns. Norway only has 3 percent of arable land. One of our key political priorities is soil protection.
- Policy coherence at national and subnational levels is important and, in this respect, I think the report makes a very valid recommendation.
- To summarise, the figures on global hunger calls on actions at all levels. The recommendations of the CFS provide valuable guidance to our efforts.
- I wish you all the best in the next coming days,
- Thank you, Chair.