

CFS51 - United Kingdom statement: Item 4: Global Interlinkages dialogues

1. Thank-you for this interesting session highlighting the complexities of the interlinked challenges that we are addressing here in the CFS. Food security and nutrition are interconnected with so many other issues, requiring a multifaceted, holistic response.
2. Take, for example, climate change and malnutrition: two of the greatest challenges facing humanity today. They are closely interlinked.
3. Combining a focus on nutrition and climate is crucial for a successful food systems transformation and more broadly for making progress on poverty reduction, on health and nutrition, on addressing the adverse impacts of climate change, and the SDGs in general.
4. This is why the UK strongly welcomed Egypt's Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) as it recognises the nexus between climate and nutrition that needs to be mainstreamed. We encourage all CFS members to join us to hear more about I-CAN tomorrow morning in the Green Room at the side event the UK is hosting, together with Canada and New Zealand.
5. In an era of multiple crises, where our support is being stretched across ever increasing needs, greater effectiveness across all the various initiatives and amongst all partners - governments, multilateral institutions, private sector, and civil society - is more critical than ever.
6. This requires better, more, inclusive coordination and alignment, particularly in these times of increasing fragmentation.
7. The UK is committed to coordinated and inclusive policy and programme approaches. As part of this, together with partners, we are hosting a global event on food security and nutrition in London next month. It will focus on what has been demonstrated to work in driving coordinated inclusive policy dialogue, and incentivising more innovative programmes and investments - from early humanitarian action, via resilience building, all the way through to making agriculture and food systems sustainable in the longer term.
8. We are joining up with Somalia and the UAE on the event, which will help to maintain the momentum and focus on the urgency of stepping up our collective, joint efforts to tackle the interconnected challenges in improving global food and nutrition security, biodiversity, food systems and tackling climate change. In this, we strongly support the *COP focus by the UAE on agriculture and food security* – as we heard in the presentation this morning. The UK is committed to working together in building better coordination and driving effective and transformational action together, with all partners.

Thank-you again