

Agenda item VII: CFS strategic direction - MYPOW 2024 -2027

Chair,

We welcome the CFS Multi-year Programme of Work 2024 – 2027. We agree with the four identified cross-cutting focus areas of enhancing equity and inclusiveness, fostering resilience, protecting our planet and strengthening means of implementation.

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Amidst our aspirations and meticulously crafted plans, we must pose ourselves a fundamental question: Can we truly attain our objectives when our health falters? Can we effectively fulfil our responsibilities when preventable diseases strain both our health systems and economies?

Health and good nutrition must be a driver of food systems transformation. In fact it should be central in all our endeavours: whether it is tackling climate change, empowering family farmers and fisherfolk, promoting decent work or advocating for increased financing for development. Every time we need to assess the impact on our nutrition, our health.

As the CFS is the foremost inclusive intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all, WHO would like to encourage the CFS and its stakeholders to consider health and nutrition as a driver of food system transformation and suggest that it is addressed in all the MYPOW workstreams.

Thank you.