

Statement by CGIAR on the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027

Mr Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished colleagues,

CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food- and nutrition-secure future, is pleased to have participated along with the Secretariat, member states, and other constituencies in the development of the MYPoW 2024-2027, and we express our sincere appreciation for the contributions of all.

We strongly support the core objectives of CFS as reflected in the MYPoW of promoting food and nutrition security, resilience, and sustainability through a multi-sectoral, inclusive, and participatory approach. We commend CFS's emphasis on inclusivity, including working to ensure that the voices of smallholders, women, and indigenous peoples are heard in meaningful ways; and its emphasis on evidence-based decision-making.

We especially support the MYPoW's emphasis on strengthening policy coherence and collaborative action from global to local levels. We recognize that CFS is an intergovernmental body for dialogue, debate, and development of policy guidance, and not an implementing body. For that, CFS must rely on the goodwill and actions of its members.

CGIAR thus pledges to rise to this challenge and work with its partners and across its constituent centers to ensure the MYPoW is implemented effectively and that CFS achieves its broader goals during this period. In particular, as a system of international research institutions, CGIAR will work with its partners from global to local levels to generate and communicate evidence that will benefit the debate, dialogue, and development of findings and recommendations as envisioned in the MYPoW. We will also work to support follow-up actions across geographical, political, and institutional spaces in the dissemination, uptake, and use of CFS knowledge products and guidance.

At the global level, we support CFS's greater engagement with other international fora, especially those dealing with the science-policy interface, on agriculture, biodiversity, climate, desertification, food security, nutrition, and food systems transformation to help ensure learnings are addressed in an inclusive, holistic, and integrated manner. Building on our presence at national and regional levels, we will collaborate with the wide range of CFS stakeholders, including national governments, national research partners, the private sector, foundations, civil society, and marginalized communities themselves.

Aligning with its own strategic framework and range of research initiatives, CGIAR notes its particular interest in the workstreams on climate, biodiversity, and land quality in the context of ensuring the right to food; reducing inequalities; building resilient food systems; encouraging sustainable fisheries and aquaculture; promoting food and knowledge systems of indigenous peoples; and strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems, particularly their connection with agriculture and rural areas. To these workstreams, and to the biannual meetings that are planned to monitor and discuss the evolving food and nutrition situation in the world, we will bring the voices of our partner communities, our joint experiences, and science to promote evidence-based debates on challenges and responses.

With respect to CFS's clear ambition to turn dialogue into action, CGIAR notes its great appreciation for the explicit connections that the MYPoW makes between debates and evidence – developing annual HLPE reports on key global issues which are then followed up with development of specific action-oriented policy recommendations. We look forward to actively participating in the complementary workstream that will result in an action plan to more effectively promote awareness, ownership, uptake, and use of CFS products and guidance.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in CFS as a representative of international research on agriculture, food, nutrition, and environment, and look forward to working with member states and other constituencies in implementing the MYPoW 2024-27.

Thank you very much.