

Message from the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP

CFS Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG Chair – Dr Liliane Ortega

Dear CFS-Chair, dear CFS Bureau Colleagues,

Switzerland regrets Liliane Ortega's decision to step down from her role as Chairperson of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) Food Systems and Nutrition. We fully recognize her decision that was based on personal reasons entirely. Switzerland sincerely thanks Liliane Ortega for her personal engagement, endless effort and demonstrated leadership in this CFS workstream. Liliane Ortega managed to guide the policy convergence process on Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems for Nutrition (VGFSyN) in a careful, open-minded and constructive way towards the milestone of the draft for negotiation. She thereby listened carefully to all the different voices within that multi-stakeholder process and tried to bridge the gaps by using anchor points of the multilateral system and scientific evidence from the HLPE report and other relevant institutions and bodies.

Switzerland continues to engage in the CFS Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) Food Systems and Nutrition and is looking forward to discussions with partners in the further course of this relevant process.

Let me close by wishing Liliane Ortega all the best.

Kind regards
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