

Zero Draft CFS contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The EU Delegation is pleased to react to this Zero Draft CFS contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and is very grateful to Dr Anthony Muriithi for compiling it, and with apologies for missing yesterday's deadline.

The draft suitably refers to relevant CFS products and the work of the HLPE which was especially appreciated in the midst of the COVID.

It would be suitable, by way of an introduction, to remind the HLPF of the nature of the CFS including its multistakeholder format which gives the products their high status and an enhanced insight into all of the SDGs, particularly SDG 17.

The draft rightly refers to items that were considered by CFS Plenary, such as SOFI. It is constructive to refer to items of note in the field of food security, especially when we consider the rising levels of hunger and malnutrition. It is appropriate for the document to refer to the wider context and not to be confined only to a reflection on CFS products.

The draft could benefit from more substantial reference to the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition so as to reflect the vast amount of work that the CFS invested to deliver this multilaterally agreed consensus on the whole of the food system with relevance across the spectrum of the SDG's. Additional references could be incorporated into a new section 'Action and Policy Recommendations in Areas Requiring Urgent Attention' as per 'c)' of the letter of the President of ECOSOC. Indeed the current work of the CFS on 'Gender...', 'Data' and 'Inequalities' could also be referenced here as well as the HLPE work on 'Critical and Emerging Issues'.