

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

We welcome the Zero Draft (including the reference on page 2 to the HLPE Issues Paper on COVID-19) and we would like to share a few comments for your consideration – having in mind the very tight schedule:

1. Last bullet point under „proposed key messages“, page 2

Please add the following words, highlighted in **bold**: “This entails adopting context-appropriate transition pathways towards **sustainable** food systems integrated in our 2030 Agenda strategies, that are resilient, equitable, diversified, support climate change adaptation and mitigation, **conserve biodiversity on land and below water**, provide healthy diets **through sustainable food systems**, diverse and sustainable diets accessible for all, and respect human rights.” → Addition is suggested because of the focus of HLPF 2022 on SDGs 14 and 15. We also propose additions to the importance of sustainable food systems.

2. Section on “CFS deliberations on recovering ..”, letter c), page 4

Please add the following words, highlighted in **bold**: “The need to focus on the nexus between integrated food systems, food security, poverty, inequalities, trade, climate change, **biodiversity loss**, water, sustainable agriculture and on the role of women, youth, and data to maximize the impact of actions across all 17 SDGs;” → We suggest to add a reference also to biodiversity loss.

3. Foreword to the section “Reference to SDG 15”, page 6

Please add the following words, highlighted in **bold**: “*With reference to SDG15* (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt **and reverse** biodiversity loss), the following policy recommendations/guidelines are highlighted as relevant” → We suggest this addition since it is not enough to only halt the loss of biodiversity. It is also important to reverse the loss of biodiversity.