

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

Thank you for sharing with us the draft CFS contribution to the HLPF. Below is the feedback from the local and regional government constituency in red to the policy recommendations to the HLPF.

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"The pandemic has revealed and exacerbated existing structural risks, fragilities, inequalities, and injustices in our food systems, as well as the continuous impact of conflicts, diseases, poverty, inequalities, economic downturns and climate change. The multidimensional and multilevel nature of the crisis and the possibility of recurrent pandemic point to the need for continued attention and multilateral coordination. **It has brought to light the intrinsic link between local public service provision and food systems, highlighting that the provision of food goes beyond farming and is backed by a myriad of local public services.** (Source: CFS49/report para 12 f) It has shown that agriculture and food systems are embedded in, and interact with, wider environmental and human-made systems (such as economies, ecosystems, and landscapes). (Sou

"To prevent and reduce negative impacts to food systems as a result of a crisis or pandemic, governments at local, subnational and national levels have a leading role in collaboration with private sector, civil society and all other relevant stakeholders to support small and family farmers and small and medium enterprises, and to ensure food supply chains, **local public service provision**, and food systems continue to function, the rights and health of all people with particular focus on food system workers are protected, the most vulnerable have access to social protection programmes, and that humanitarian assistance and food safety are prioritized." (Source: CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, para 12)

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"Recovering from the pandemic offers an opportunity to advance the 2030 Agenda through more inclusive and sustainable of food systems, integrating sustainability in its three dimensions throughout agriculture and food systems. This calls for a systemic and holistic approach to foster transition - in a coherent manner, as appropriate and in accordance with and dependent on **local, regional, and** national contexts and capacities - to resilient and diversified sustainable agriculture and food systems including through agroecological and other innovative approaches. (Source: CFS Policy recommendations on Agroecological and other innovative approaches, para 6)

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**insert new recommendation**

**"Create networks across spheres of government, and with civil society associations, indigenous communities, farmers and relevant stakeholders to develop transparent and inclusive food systems at city level, to enable information and knowledge sharing and fostering the concept of 'food citizenship'".**

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Support the education of all food system actors to prioritize the reduction of food loss and waste. Actions could include awareness campaigns at national, regional, **local**, and global levels, food date labelling, and monitoring of food loss and waste;

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"Encourage and promote responsible agricultural investment, and support food producers in the adoption of sustainable production practices and in the production of diverse food that contributes to healthy diets, **taking into account the key role of local public service provision**, while ensuring a decent income, livelihoods and resilience for fishers, farmers, particularly smallholders and/or family farms, and farm workers. This should include supporting and encouraging sustainable crop production practices, livestock, agroforestry, animal and fishery systems (including artisanal fisheries and aquaculture). (Source: CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition 3.2.3.b)

"Strengthen policy instruments, **multilevel governance**, and coherence for the conservation of biodiversity for food and agriculture, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources and support the important past, present and future contributions of producers and researchers for the development, 7 conservation and improvement of biodiversity, taking into account, as appropriate, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the recommendations of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, (for those states which have ratified those Treaties);"

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"Govern territories and landscapes at appropriate levels and in an inclusive way, with particular attention to people in vulnerable situations, so as to respond to local needs. This includes enhancing **the role of local and regional governments**, the provision of ecosystem services and managing trade-offs between them, protecting biodiversity rich habitats, and responding to the local impacts of global emergencies; in particular by supporting social innovation and strengthening inclusive public bodies, such as local food policy councils and multi-stakeholder landscape and watershed management platforms; (Source: Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches Rec 3m) "