

Specific Comments of the Holy See Delegation on the Revised Draft for Negotiations of the Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems

The Holy See Delegation believes crucial to use in the text only multilateral agreed language in order to minimize controversial issues.

In particular:

- Rationale, par. 5: the Holy See Delegation suggests to substitute the term “youth in all their diversities” with “all youth” and to substitute the terms “diversity” and “intersectionality” with “divergence” and “inter-sectorality”.
- Section 1, par. b: the Holy See Delegation proposes to remove the term “gender responsive”, to substitute the term “heterogeneity of youth” with “context specificity of all youth” and to remove the term “sex”.
- Section 1, par. c: the Holy See Delegation suggests to remove the term “gender transformative” as well as the expressions “ending sexual and gender-based violence” and “and other forms of reproductive labour”.
- Section 1, par. d: the Holy See Delegation proposes to eliminate the expression “ending gender-based discrimination and”.
- Section 1, par. e: the Holy See Delegation proposes to substitute the term “sexism” with “discrimination”.
- Section 1, par. f: the Holy See Delegation suggests to substitute the term “heterogeneity of youth” with “youth context specificity”.
- Section 2, par. d: the Holy See Delegation suggests to remove the terms “gender responsive” and “sex”.
- Section 2, par. f: the Holy See Delegation asks to remove the expressions “on gender-based discrimination” and “sexual and reproductive health care”.
- Section 3, par. b: the Holy See Delegation proposes to substitute the sentence “by supporting gender-sensitive inheritance” with “by eliminating gender-based discrimination in inheritance”.
- Section 4, par. b (Rapporteur’s proposal): the Holy See Delegation proposes to remove the term “gender responsive”.
- Section 5, par. e: the Holy See Delegation suggests to remove the term “gender sensitive”.

In conclusion, the Holy See Delegation underlines the importance to ensure the widest consensus and to exclude any controversial language from the Policy Recommendations, in order to maintain the focus in line with the CFS mandate, and to keep the discussion oriented towards the purpose of producing a policy product that may widely serve as a practical reference in the context of agriculture and food systems.