

## GENERAL COMMENT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> OEWG – INDONESIA

- Thank you for the opportunity.
- I wish to make a general comment regarding the development of the zero draft of policy recommendation on youth engagement and employment as we have it before us today.
- **First of all**, and in principle, Indonesia welcomes the development of this zero draft of policy recommendation to provide policy guideline for member states to advance youth engagement and employment in the context of agriculture and food systems.
- In this regard, we would also like to see the draft to be developed in line with our priorities in regional and national context. This is why regional and national ownership are important in leveraging more support in the implementation at regional and national level.
- **Second**, on interlinkages. I think the development of the zero draft of policy recommendation should not be detached from the reality of other existing policies in the UN systems. Synergy and inter-agencies collaboration within the UN systems should be able to be captured and promoted throughout in particular on the youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems.
- **Third**, on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC). I hope that the policy recommendation would also consider the added value that South-South and Triangular Cooperation could be contributed in the issue at hand.
- SSTC is seen as a means by which developing countries can voluntarily assist each other in undertaking their transformative and sustainable actions, including in the context of youth employment and engagement in transforming their agri-food systems.
- Youth4South as an umbrella facility within the UN systems dedicated to supporting South-South and Triangular cooperation initiatives, projects and activities in promoting youth leadership and capacity development for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs) should also be encouraged to participate in promoting the transformation in the agri-food systems.
- Thank you