



**CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND  
EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

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*Comments by the World Farmers' Organisation*

WFO appreciates the efforts made to put together the zero draft and would like to make the following comments:

RATIONALE

3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: when it says “Youth engagement and leadership are linked intrinsically to countless aspects of the achievement of food security and good nutrition for all” we would suggest adding “*as well as sustainable management of resources.*”

Also, here we would add a reference to the importance of creating networks for youth to have a space for sharing knowledge, build their capacities, reflect on common barriers and solutions, etcetera.

1. PROVIDE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND  
EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

*Point b:* We would suggest stressing how important is that youth representatives are involved in the policy making process at all levels, from the designing to the implementation of policies and programs.

*Point d:* We would suggest adding “*farmers' organisations and cooperatives*” among the mentioned “relevant organisations”. In fact, especially in rural areas, farmers' organisations and agricultural cooperatives play a key role for boosting social and economic development, creating jobs, providing space for youth, and this have a cascade effect on urban areas too as it help avoiding depopulation of rural areas, among others.

*Point e and d:* We would suggest stressing that youth should be involved as well in the data collection to implement a stronger bottom-up approach.

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## 2. SECURE DIGNIFIED AND REWARDING LIVELIHOODS

*Point a:* We would suggest adding “and climate” at the end of the sentence, so it would be “that contribute to preserving or restoring the environment and climate”.

## 3. INCREASE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES

*Point c:* We would suggest mentioning farmers’ organizations again here since we talk about youth involvement and retainment in agriculture.

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