

PSM Statement – Outline of the Zero Draft

CFS Data Workstream – 06/02/23

Thank you Chair, and good evening distinguished delegates. It is a pleasure to be here and take the floor on behalf of the Private Sector Mechanism.

- Chair, your personal words on the experience of Kenya with respect to better data leading to better decisions and impact on food security and nutrition really serves to focus our energies on this work stream and understand the value of the work we are being asked to do here. Once again, the PSM thanks you for taking on this role and your leadership.
- The PSM appreciates the work undertaken by the TTT to provide the outline of the Zero draft, including the rationale provided for each heading. However, we share the concerns of many Members here today and in previous meetings who have noted that the document is very ambitious and urged that the **CFS work across its value-add, focusing on more specific and targeted recommendations**. This will necessarily require **greater prioritization and steering clear from duplicating the efforts** from other UN agencies.
- There were strong calls during this meeting to focus on **the value-add of the CFS, which is its inclusivity, as the only multi-stakeholder platform** dedicated to discussing and providing voluntary guidance to address issues of food security and nutrition. Hence, when drafting these recommendations, we trust the secretariat will **ensure its guidance will reflect the unique opportunity the platform has to encourage collaboration** amongst all stakeholders and promote greater impact on food security and nutrition.
- Like others, we appreciated the update from the Director of the FAO Statistics Department and recognize the value of their input during the convergence process and look forward to seeing them throughout upcoming sessions of this work stream. Also valuable to our work at hand, will be their insights to ensure **CFS recommendations do not overlap the same topics being discussed currently, or similarly by expert bodies**.
- The issues being discussed in this Data workstream are quite complex and relevant, such as the data governance issues—in fact, they are being discussed extensively elsewhere, as reflected by the UN Statistical Commission work underway, OECD and others. For this reason, we ask that the **CFS Secretariat will provide concrete, actionable and complementary recommendations, while keeping in mind the timeframe needed for negotiations and endorsement**.

Thank you Chair