



HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL EVENT AT MENA AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION DAYS, EXPO DUBAI

FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN ACTION: The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

Thursday, 24 February 2022 | 12:30 – 14:00 GST | Dubai Exhibition Center

Organized by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in collaboration with the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa

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INTRODUCTION

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) formally adopted its Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition on 10 February 2021 during its 47th plenary session. Resulting from a five-year inclusive multi-stakeholder consultation and negotiation process informed by the scientific evidence of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts, these Guidelines represent a concrete tool in the hands of governments, UN agencies, civil society, private sector, financial institutions and other development actors to provide guidance on policies and interventions to address malnutrition in all its forms through a holistic 'food systems' perspective.

The Guidelines aim to promote policy coherence and reduce policy fragmentation between relevant sectors like health, agriculture, education, environment, gender, social protection, trade and employment - all of which impact food systems and nutrition. The Guidelines recognize the importance of interventions within and across food systems to improve their ability to deliver healthy diets and generate positive outcomes along the three dimensions of sustainable development.

They include a wide range of recommendations to promote transparent and accountable governance, sustainable food supply chains, access to healthy diets, food safety, nutrition education, gender equality, and resilient food systems in humanitarian contexts.

FORMAT AND SESSION RUN-OF-SHOW

Segment 1: Welcoming and framing remarks

- H.E. **Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio**, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS);
- H.E. **Mariam Al Mehairi**, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates.

Segment 2: The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition: a global tool to inform policy formulation, promote cross-sectoral coordination and support the work of national stakeholders towards sustainable food systems that deliver healthy diets

- Ms **Jessica Fanzo**, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Global Food and Agriculture Policy and Ethics;
- Mr **Maximo Torero Cullen**, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EVENT

A Ministerial-level event, hosted by the Government of the United Arab Emirates, FAO and CFS, is scheduled to take place at Expo Dubai on 24 February 2022 as part of Middle East and North Africa's (MENA) Agri-Food Innovation Days.

The event seeks to raise awareness about the CFS Voluntary Guidelines, its substantive content and priority areas, and to encourage policy actions to advance sustainable food systems that deliver healthy diets.

The high-level ministerial event will mobilize political commitments by governments, donors, civil society, private sector, and others for further promotion and implementation of the Guidelines and other flagship CFS policy products, especially within national food system transition pathways linked to the September 2021 UN Food Systems Summit.

The event will also showcase UAE's global and regional leadership on sustainable food systems, including how efforts to implement the CFS Voluntary Guidelines can help countries achieve their national food security plans and achieve the relevant Sustainable Development Goals – especially SDG-2 on hunger and nutrition.

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Segment 3: Panel discussion on national and regional actions, plans and commitments toward sustainable food systems that deliver healthy diets: the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition in action

- H.E. **Bwino Fred Kyakulaga**, Minister of State for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda;
- H.E. **Pio Wennubst**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to United Nations Organizations in Rome;
- Ms **Anna Scavuzzo**, Deputy Mayor of Milan;
- Mr **AbdulHakim Elwaer**, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- Mr **Martien van Nieuwkoop**, Global Director Agriculture and Food Global Practice, The World Bank;
- Ms **Agnès Kalibata**, AGRA President and former Special Envoy for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit.

Moderated Q&A with other high-level participants including ministers

Moderator: Mr **Chris Hegadorn**, CFS Secretary

Segment 4: Closing Remarks

H.E. **Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio**, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)