



CFS High-Level Virtual Special Event on Global Governance of Food Security and Nutrition – 13 to 15 October 2020

Plenary Session II: COVID-19 and its impacts on Global Food Security and Nutrition

Wednesday, 14 October (13:00pm to 16:00pm)

Swiss Statement:

- Switzerland thanks the CFS for its **valuable work since the beginning the COVID-19 crises** and commends the HLPE for its high-quality scientific analysis presented in the HLPE issues paper.
- As highlighted in the HLPE issues paper, the pandemic has clearly exposed the vulnerability and fragility of food systems. Based on this observation, there is a need to take on a holistic and systemic food system approach and **accelerate the transformation towards more sustainable and resilient food systems**.
- Switzerland is convinced that **sustainable agriculture and other innovative approaches, including agroecology, are entry points to strengthen resilience of food systems**, contribute to animal health and wellbeing and foster shorter supply chains of sustainable and healthy diets for all.
- With regard to CFS's role in the response to COVID-19, Switzerland points out the importance that its work needs to be **based on the HLPE issues paper** and substantially **valorize the actual content and findings of all CFS major and minor products**.