



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

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THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (VGFSyN) - DRAFT DECISIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The session was introduced by a session moderated by XXX, on the future uptake and implementation of the VGFSyN. Opening statements were delivered by a representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (TBC), Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security; Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Mr Gilbert Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP).
2. The Committee considered CFS 2021/47/7 “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)” and CFS 2021/47/8 “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) – Draft Decisions,” as presented by Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands), Chair of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition.

The Committee:

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- a) expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Food Systems and Nutrition and acknowledges the effective leadership of the Chair of the OEWG as well as of previous Chairs of this OEWG;
- b) endorses CFS 2021/47/7 “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)”, taking note of their voluntary and non-binding nature;
- c) encourages all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) to support the development, enhancement and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives, where appropriate;
- d) encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Voluntary Guidelines and to share these lessons with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;
- e) commends those countries that have voluntarily pledged to deploy the Voluntary Guidelines in their own national policy and/or legislative circumstances, in conjunction with the commitments of the UN Decade of Action on the 2030 Agenda, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), and the UN Decade of Family Farming (2019-2028), and encourages other countries to take similar steps to actively utilize this CFS product as a tool for national-level, coherent and multi-stakeholder action that promote sustainable food systems and will address malnutrition in all its forms , as well as related social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. In addition, the VGFSyN have an essential role also in assisting countries to achieve a number of SDGs directly, with particular attention to targets 2.2. and 2.4.
- f) decides to transmit these Voluntary Guidelines to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g) underlines the valuable input the Voluntary Guidelines will provide to the UN Food Systems Summit discussions and follow up process;
- h) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, [endorse/support] and ensure the wide dissemination of these Voluntary Guidelines to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- i) agrees to include these Voluntary Guidelines in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF).