

COMMENTS FROM PSM

Dear Mr. Chair of the OEWG,

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on the “Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda.” The PSM provides its support for this topic in 2017 and only this topic which was agreed via the vote and in consensus during the meeting.

As noted during the discussions, we suggest two refinements to the HLPE proposal, specifically:

- a) Title: Add the words: Finance **and Foster** Food Security. This proposal was made to accommodate the points raised during the OEWG that partnerships do more than finance. During that discussion, the framing “and Improve” was mentioned by Brazil and this would also be suitable. Either captures the thought of including more than finance.
- b) In clause 16 of the June 20th document, there is a reference to “civil society and/or the private sector”. We recommend the “/or” be deleted and in the words “in any combination” be added. The and/or is unclear and could be misinterpreted as suggesting only one would be involved in partnerships. In reality, there are many partnerships between civil society and the private sector, as well as the list of other stakeholders. The addition of the words “in any combination” likely better captures that a partnership may have a diversity of actors.

Thank you as well for the notes regarding the Open Ended Work Group meeting, as expressed at that time, we believe at least items 4 and 5 should be brought forward for the 2018-19 discussion, but in fact believe the 2018-19 discussion should have an open discussion again of the issues before the CFS and the SDGs. We note that even though several member states agreed that food safety and the school feeding programmes were very close in votes, this thought is not captured in the notes.