

HLPE 2019 – COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE

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Thank you again very much for the big effort you have made to find a solution which suits to all CFS members.

The title that Switzerland is supporting is:

Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable and resilient food systems that contribute to food security and nutrition

To respond to your request of suggestions for delimitating the scope and, at the same time, underlining why this report makes sense for CFS, here are several elements to guide the HLPE work, largely inspired from the 2nd HLPE note.

Addressing to what extent agroecological innovations:

- is suitable to ensure the necessary food production ("*availability and stability of production, food price, etc*")
- improve resource efficiency ("*climate change issues, water use, soils depletion related issues*")
- promote the use of agrobiodiversity ("*loss of local diversity, genetic erosion, ...*")
- strengthen resilience, and thus contribute to secure social equity/responsibility
- support local food preference and food consumption cultural habits ("*foster better nutrition?*")
- support the role women and their involvement in decision making about production and commercialization
- diversify rural non-farm activities, and eventually lead to the creation of decent jobs, in particular for youth, in agriculture and food systems, at different scales, in a range of agroclimatic zones and contexts

Addressing:

- the controversies and uncertainties in the science and practice of agroecology
- the markets and regulations which are required to support agroecological farming, remunerate farmers
- the potential impact on local, regional, and eventually on national economies
- how trade rules, intellectual property rights on seeds and livestock, as well as food and safety regulations impact on agroecological pathways to food security
- how to integrate different knowledge systems in participatory processes to tailor agroecological innovations to unique and highly diverse local situations

- the challenges that this participatory research create for national and international research and extension systems

Providing insight on the:

- enabling policies,
- organizational changes,
- institutional arrangements
- education offer (adaptation of the content of academic curricula; new curricula in agriculture colleges)
- professional training and practices

required to scale up and promote agroecological solutions for sustainable agriculture and food systems