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Investment for Healthy Food Systems: Implementing the Framework for Action of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

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Food systems – from producer to consumer, from farm to flush – are created by a multitude of decisions from individuals, companies, and governments about what and how to produce, process, market and consume. Arguably, the most important of those decisions are about what to invest in, as those are the decisions that establish the long-term capacity and direction of a food system. This publication is intended to assist countries, and others, to make investments with long-term beneficial nutrition and health outcomes.

Impact Assessment of Policies to support Healthy Food Environments and Healthy Diets: Implementing the Framework for Action of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

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ICN2 highlighted the role of food systems and the Framework for Action lists a few recommended actions for sustainable food systems. In order to support the ICN2 recommended actions it is implied that policies need to be assessed for their impact on diets and access to nutritious food. This requires the ability to measure and monitor relevant food environment and dietary outcomes as well as a system to review policies across sectors for their (likely) impact on these outcomes. This paper explores opportunities for and challenges to the ICN2 goal of coherent policies that would support year-round access to food that meets people’s nutritious needs. It proposes options for their likely impact on food environments and dietary outcomes, which rests on the ability to measure those outcomes.

Climate change, Diets, Nutrition and Healthy Diets

Currently under production

This paper presents a descriptive analysis of the interconnections of sustainable food systems, dietary patterns, health and nutrition in a context of climate change. The paper offers a framework for integrated policy development and identifies policy opportunities for joint action on nutrition, health, and climate by promoting sustainable and healthy food systems and diets.

UNSCN Nutrition Governance

Currently under production

This paper aims to describe the current nutrition architecture and provides a detailed overview of the main nutrition actors and their mandate. It highlights the role of UNSCN in the architecture focusing on the UN. The paper also argues to work towards governance for nutrition instead of nutrition governance.

Global Nutrition Narrative

Currently under production

The UNSCN Nutrition Narrative aims to present the global nutrition scene: the scope of the malnutrition problem and the targets the world set to achieve the elimination of various forms of malnutrition. The paper explains the interrelatedness between the targets as well how to achieve them using the guidance of the ICN2 Framework for Action. Finally, it links the nutrition targets with the 2030 Agenda.