

Written inputs from Costa Rica regarding the draft TORs for CFS policy work on Nutrition

As indicated during our intervention during the 28th's meeting, Costa Rica appreciates and values the proposal prepared by the Chair, the Secretary and the TTT. Overall, we sympathize with most of three policy - relevant areas, in particular those related to connectivity of smallholders to markets, food losses and waste, and social protection programmes; we do also welcome having a section dedicated to food quality, safety and transformation.

Nevertheless, we would like to reiterate the importance of acting in accordance with the Plenary's mandate, which is developing TORs for the process leading to voluntary guidelines on food systems. Therefore, we respectfully suggest to expand the proposed scope to the other side of the equation, so that the food supply chain components and its 4 elements are also taken into account, especially the one on production.

On the other side, and in consequence with our known positions regarding the importance of addressing undernutrition -particularly wasting and stunting- in the framework of this OEWG, our Delegation would very much appreciate the inclusion of this issue in the policy - relevant areas.

Finally, we would like to share 2 suggestions to improve the existing text: 1. On the "taxes and subsidies" paragraphs, perhaps you can consider using the phrase "taxes and subsidies may positively influence food choices and dietary intake" and remove the references to "regulate pricing"; 2. On page 6, paragraph 3, line 6, we propose this phrasing: "Subsistence farmers tend to be net buyers of food... (...).