

## **Open Ended Working Group on Nutrition - Draft terms of Reference**

### **WFO written comments**

WFO would like to thank the Chair of the CFS OEWG on nutrition, as well as the Technical Task Team, for the efforts made so far in elaborating these draft terms of reference.

The CFS vision on advancing nutrition is a world free from malnutrition in all its forms, including undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, overweight and obesity. In order to achieve that, we definitely need a cross-sectoral, holistic and integrated approach as these issues need to be addressed from different perspectives and affect different sectors and actors.

Furthermore, we believe that farmers, being at the same time consumers and producers, have a key role to play in this debate. The voluntary guidelines should be focused and practical, in order to be effective and really contribute to build coherence between and across public policies both at local, national and international level.

Food systems and food environments are interlinked concepts. WFO understands the idea of using food environments as the policy entry point, but we would rather stay close to the plenary mandate, suggesting to use the broader perspective of food systems as a whole. This would allow to consider all the relevant elements, actors and sectors, both the demand and the supply chain. The voluntary guidelines have to be science-based. Furthermore, with regards to the policy relevant areas, we would also suggest to focus more on the perspectives, needs as well as responsibilities and role of farmers and consumers in the view of sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems. We would also support to have a focus on agricultural policies which are very important because they are the national frameworks within which agricultural production is conducted and they have an impact both on production and consumption. Finally, we would also suggest to include farmers within the intended users of the guidelines as they are key actors throughout the value chain.

With regards to the proposals for the intersessional events, we support the proposal, especially the ones on nutrition sensitive agriculture and nutrition and soils. Agriculture in the broader sense, is the process of producing food so it is certainly linked to nutrition and sustainable and healthy food systems. Furthermore, healthy and sustainable soil management is fundamental when it comes to food production and thus nutrition.