

CFS Nutrition OEWG – TORs for the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

Comments from United Kingdom

- We are grateful for this revised version of the TOR. We agree with the comment made by the CSM and by Hungary about the need to give **more relevance to the gender dimension** within the document. Although section II mentions that attention will be devoted to women's empowerment and gender equality, we believe that adopting a more gender sensitive approach throughout the document would be highly beneficial. More specifically, the ToR should address what specific policy instruments could be used to “create the conditions for women's strong engagement in shaping food systems that can ensure improved nutrition” (p.3 paragraph 11).
- We welcome the idea to prepare an annex mentioning relevant references to **existing international guidance** in the field of food systems and nutrition. As also mentioned by the CGIAR, the guidelines would certainly benefit from insights coming from relevant initiatives such as Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition.
- Although in the Scope section there is a mention of the ‘most vulnerable segments of the population’, it would be beneficial to the document if there was a more specific focus on how policy could **effectively target vulnerable groups**, including women, children and adolescents.
- Finally, we believe there is still room for improvement in the document with respect to **tackling low income countries' needs**. In particular we would like to see more space given to ensure that urban policies are not skewed towards high/middle income countries. As mentioned by Canada, low income countries are particularly affected by climate change and other negative externalities caused by abrupt urbanization, hence the guidelines should make sure that food systems remain resilient also in these particularly sensitive contexts.