

CFS Policy convergence process on agroecological and other innovative approaches – Rapporteur’s note

UNSCN comments

We thank the CFS Secretariat, the technical focal points and the Rapporteur for preparing this document and giving us the possibility to share written inputs.

First, as other said during the OEWG meeting on Monday 27 January, we would like to underline the importance of exploring synergies between this policy convergence process and the preparation of Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, as the two documents can certainly benefit from each other. Food systems are dynamic, diverse and highly context specific and the VGFSyN stress the importance of context specific interventions as well as protecting and promoting traditional diets and knowledge. This is line with the content of Recommendations 1 and 2 of the HLPE Report on Agroecological and other innovative approaches, which focus on the diversity of food systems (1a) and on the promotion of healthy and diversified diets (2b). These elements are vital to ensuring positive and sustainable impacts on nutrition, equity and environment and to support the transition towards more resilient food systems.

In addition, in policy-relevant area 2h, we would suggest to refer to healthy and **sustainable** diets, again to be aligned with the language used in the VGFSyN and taking into consideration the [FAO/WHO Guiding Principles on Sustainable Healthy Diets](#) (October 2019).

Finally, we would like to reiterate the importance of expanding and diversifying the focus of research in order to move away from the current emphasis on a limited number of staple crops and support the consumption of healthy, sustainable, diversified and affordable diets.

UNSCN is willing to contribute to this very important CFS process, also keeping involved in the discussion several of its members, including relevant partner agencies beyond the RBAs and WHO, such as UNICEF, UNIDO, and UN Environment.