

**Preliminary reflection of Thailand on the First draft of
CFS Policy recommendations on Agroecological and other innovative approaches for
sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition**

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Thailand would like to congratulate and express our appreciation to the rapporteur for the preparation of first draft.

With regard to the question 1, the answer is ‘Yes’. We satisfy with the quality and content of the draft one in general, and would like to share our view on specific items and to answer question 2 and 3; as follow.

1. Preamble section:
 - 1.1 In this draft, we notice the well balance between the agroecological and other innovative approaches. Paragraphs 11 and 12, in particular, provide sufficient background on the use of agroecology and innovative in the transformation towards sustainable food systems.
 - 1.2 We support the insertion of Covid19 presented in the draft one, as we see it is a crucial need and timely for the HLPE to link this emergence issue to the policy recommendation and guidance for implementation on agroecology and other innovative approaches.
 - 1.3 Para 2, we echo the recommendation to take into consideration the updated numbers reported in the SOFI2020.
2. We emphasize the need to link and make reference with the 13 agroecological principles of HLPE and the 10 elements of agroecology of FAO which should be addressed in some recommendation such as Recommendation 1.
3. We appreciate the inclusion of all relevance agencies in Sector 5 discussed during the open-end working groups. But we would expect to see the agencies also be addressed more clearly in the beginning section.
4. We would like to propose the insert the definition of agroecology into the annex to ensure the readers have similar understanding.
5. Further comment on the reference;
 - 5.1 propose to add the reference to the UN Policy brief: the impact of COVID19 on FSN (June 2020) and other relevant document of CFS.
 - 5.2 should include clear reference on HLPE report to facilitate and maximize the use of CFS products
 - (1) include the page number in the reference and footnote, for example Ref.no 29 table 3 and table 4 on page 58-61, and for other references would be helpful.
 - (2) add the list of reference on Recommendation 3(i)
6. Lastly, we think that the policy recommendations presented in draft one are appropriated as the basis text for negotiation, and can be translated into implementation actions.

Thank you.