**Invitation to an open discussion**

**on the political outcome document of the ICN**

**Comment Form**

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1. **Do you have any general comments on the draft political declaration and its vision (paragraphs 1-3 of the zero draft)?**

***In Para 1,***

***In addition to all the consequences, malnutrition impacts on the overall productivity of an individual, hence has a direct link to the economic growth and development of a nation, which is the priority of political leaders and policy makers.***

***In Para 2,***

* ***The fact that some of the countries have registered a good progress in the direction of reducing hunger and malnutrition, which should be acknowledged here.***
* ***Micronutrient deficiencies have not improved ( it's better if we can include the global figures )***
* ***Obesity has increased ( As a result of high intake of calorie and sedentary lifestyle)***
* ***Different types of malnutrition ( can we indicate what are they ? like under nutrition, overnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies )***

***In Para 3,***

***In the statement, " .......while food availability, affordability and accessibility remain key determinants", I think this is too general and doesn't say anything on the nutritional quality of the available food. I suggest to specify with the term "nutritional quality" in the statement.***

***In the one hand we are pledging for the consumption of quality protein diet which includes meat and dairy and in the other we are talking of environmental consequences of these products. Let's not include so many things here making it overburdened with many ideas.***

***The causes of malnutrition are not related to supply side, the causes are in some cases more related to demand side. The awareness and knowledge, the consumption culture and the behavior developed at the early years of life more dangerous.***

1. **Do you have any comments on the background and analysis provided in the political declaration (paragraphs 4-20 of the zero draft)?**

***Para 4,***

***Dietary risk factors for NCDs could be 10 % but for malnutrition of women and children, the dietary factors contribute far more than that, should be included if any figures exist.***

***Para 5,***

***Why not to include the widely accepted window of opportunity " From conception to the first two years "***

***Para 6,***

***Like others, I also would like to suggest to include the reasons for not achieving the past commitments and plan of actions and actions to overcome these shortcomings.***

***Para 7,***

***"Renew the commitment to reduce the number of children under 5 who are stunted"; this statement will create a confusion among the technically lay people ( the leaders and policy makers), reducing stunting or shortness, which is not clearly visible and once stunted, needs certain time ( rather long) for making normal. I suggest the term " chronic under-nutrition" the indicator of course would be low height for age ( i.e. stunting). Having experience in some of the countries in Asia and Africa, the term stunting has completely misled the public on malnutrition.***

***Para 8,***

***Recall and pledge for effective implementation of ".........."***

***Para 10,***

***The food group "legumes and pulses" should be explicitly mentioned here. Because this food group plays a very important role in improving the quality of protein of mostly vegetarian diets in the developing world as well as providing more dietary fiber for reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases in the developed world.***

***Para 14,***

***All sectors and actors should be mobilized with major role of consumer groups on dissemination of nutrition education and awareness messages.***

***Para 17,***

***The coordination and monitoring should be ensured up to the lowest level of implementation.***

***Para 20,***

***Maximum use of ICT for collecting real time data.***

***There should be a separate paragraph or can be incorporated in any of the existing paragraphs " on the commercial agriculture and how to make it more nutrition sensitive". For example, the value chain development of commercially viable nutritionally important crops and livestock. Similarly, the commercial agriculture projects should have the package of nutrition education so that increased income is spent rationally on nutrition of the family.***

1. **Do you have any comments on the commitments proposed in the political declaration? In this connection, do you have any suggestions to contribute to a more technical elaboration to guide action and implementation on these commitments (paragraphs 21-23 of the zero draft)?**

Please provide your comments in the appropriate fields relating to these commitments:

21.

Commitment I: aligning our food systems (systems for food production, storage and distribution)to people’s health needs;

***Not only food systems but also all development efforts to reflect their results in improved nutrition of women and children in terms of their dietary quality and nutritional status***

Commitment II: making our food systems equitable, enabling all to access nutritious foods.

Commitment III: making our food systems provide safe and nutritious food in a sustainable and resilient way;

Commitment IV: ensuring that nutritious food is accessible, affordable and acceptable through the coherent implementation of public policies throughout food value chains.

Commitment V: establishing governments’ leadership for shaping food systems.

Commitment VI: encouraging contributions from all actors in society;

Commitment VII: implementing a framework through which our progress with achieving the targets and implementing these commitments can be monitored, and through which we will be held accountable.

22. Commit to launch a Decade of Action on Nutrition guided by a Framework for Action and to report biennially on its implementation to FAO, WHO and ECOSOC.

23. Commit to integrate the objectives and directions of the Ten Year Framework for Action into the post-2015 global development efforts.

***The food system should be profitable to support the livelihood of the rural poor, at the same time it should be more nutrition sensitive to provide the dietary diversity to the whole population including those involved in producing these foods.***