FAO first draft work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition consultation – Elizabeth Westaway

Comments on how best to strengthen the Decade’s first draft work programme:

1. **Does the work programme present a compelling vision for enabling strategic interaction and mutual support across existing initiatives, platforms, forums and programmes, given the stipulation of Res 70/259 that the Decade should be organized with existing institutions and available resources?**

I have made comments throughout the document, but particularly feel that the role of grass roots organisations and alliances should be emphasised as an important element of the advocacy strategy to create a social movement for nutrition behaviour change on sustainable diets.

Also, it is important to ensure that the Agribusiness and Agrifood industries support diet-friendly policies and programmes incorporating agroecology, such as permaculture, throughout the sustainable food system.

All diet-friendly policies and programmes must ensure no/minimal negative impact on the environment.

1. **What are your general comments to help strengthen the presented elements of the first draft work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition?**

I have made comments throughout the document, but particularly feel the role of agro-ecology, such as permaculture, can be emphasised throughout the sustainable food system to ensure consumption of affordable nutrient-dense, seasonal, local, high quality foods by populations.

The document applies to all countries -high, middle and low income – so high income countries need to be lobbied to come on board with different global initiatives that do not just apply to middle and low income countries, e.g. SUN Movement.

All forms of malnutrition are included, so governments, UN agencies, donors and NGOs need to focus on the double burden of malnutrition in order to combat a pandemic of NCDs.

1. **Do you feel you can contribute to the success of the Nutrition Decade or align yourself with the proposed range of action areas?**

Yes, I am working with the Permaculture Association on sustainable diets policy and advocacy.

1. **How could this draft work programme be improved to promote collective action to achieve the transformational change called for by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the ICN2 outcomes? What is missing?**

I have made comments throughout the document, but particularly feel that grassroots organisations in high, middle and low income countries need strengthening on advocacy so that they can contribute to transformative social change on sustainable diets.

Monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of policy, advocacy and programmes is essential for tracking change.

1. **Do you have specific comments on the section on accountability and shared learning?**

The advocacy strategy needs to have an M&E system.

Also, what will be done about countries that do not improve? How can they be pushed into action? E.g. name and shame them? Fine them? At what point in the Nutrition Decade will this take place?