**SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAMME OF THE**

**10-YEAR FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMMES ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION (10YFP)**

**FEEDBACK FORM**

**NOTE TO ALL:**

Please use this form to provide your general and more specific comments as indicated below, for the proposed 10YFP Sustainable Food Systems **draft concept note**.

*NB\*\* all contributions received will be taken into account as much as possible. Due to limited capacity, we will unfortunately not be in a position to inform respondents (individuals &/or organizations) on how their suggestions have or have not been included in the final programme that will be submitted to the 10YFP secretariat. Thank you for your understanding.*

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**Instructions**: Please provide your feedback for each of the proposed questions on the Sustainable Food Systems Programme by completing the following matrix. If you do not have any comments please check the “No comment” box.

**General “Sustainable Food Systems” Programme Feedback**

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| **Feedback Question** | **Select One** | **Provide Your Additional Comments** |
| Having reviewed the draft **Concept Note**, does it adequately identify the main global challenges for sustainable food systems? | Yes  No | It identifies the key population, income-related dietary change and urbanisation demand drivers in one sentence, as well as consumer health, hunger and food waste issues in another. On the supply side (which includes food waste again), it clearly defines the need to increase productivity in the face of scarcer inputs, whilst reducing the pollution intensity of food systems, but does not specifically mention the challenge of climate change. There also needs to be a stronger focus on ethics and equity as key issues in delivering food and nutrition security within a sustainable food system to redress power imbalances. And also to highlight that food systems sit within different socio-economic and political contexts, which may not be coherent with a move toward sustainable food systems. |
| Having reviewed the proposed Vision and Goal, do they adequately address the needs of the global programme? | Yes  No | The vision is well-constructed, capturing the right to food *“for all”*, but I’m a little uneasy about the lack of a specific focus on the need for the food system to be ethical, although it could be argued that this is encapsulated in the social base not being *“compromised”.* I think the goal needs to be changed to *“sustainable and ethical food systems”* to encourage a fairer distribution of resources within the system and to protect the livelihoods of the poor. |
| Having reviewed the proposed **objectives,** do they adequately address the needs of the global programme? | Yes  No | This is a global scale issue and requires commitments from governments and organisations to ensure that more sustainable food systems are actually implemented, in the same way that climate change targets are set. I would therefore incorporate a 5th objective to *“Develop and recommend a set of policies and targets that UN members and other signatories should adopt to ensure that sustainable food systems are delivered”*. |

| **Programme Objectives** | **Provide Your Feedback** | | |
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| **Programme Objective 1:** *Raise awareness on the need to shift to sustainable food systems and applying a systems approach to addressing food security and nutrition.* |  |  | Agree with the statement, but with the recognition that a systems approach may not always be sufficient to address all aspects of food and nutrition security. |
| **Programme Objective 2:** *Build capacity and enabling conditions for the uptake of sustainable practices across food systems and facilitate access to financial and technical assistance.* |  |  |  |
| **Programme Objective 3:** *Take stock of, categorize and disseminate – and if needed develop – accessible and actionable information tools and methodologies to support governments, the private sector, consumers and other relevant stakeholders to act towards more sustainable food systems.* |  |  |  |
| **Programme Objective 4:** *Bring together initiatives and develop partnerships to build synergies and cooperation to leverage resources towards the mutual goal of promoting, enhancing and facilitating the shift towards more sustainable food systems* |  |  |  |

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| Are there additional fundamental **objectives** that the programme should respond to in your view? | Yes  No | Objective 5 - “Develop and recommend a set of policies and targets that UN members and other signatories should adopt to ensure that sustainable food systems are delivered”. |
| Having reviewed the proposed **work areas,** do they adequately address the needs of the global programme? | Yes  No |  |

| **Programme Work Areas** | **Provide Your Feedback** | | |
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| **Programme Work Area 1:** Increase the availability, accessibility and sharing of actionable knowledge, information and tools for SCP. |  |  | There should be a central platform housed at FAO which would assemble and disseminate all relevant information. |
| **Programme Work Area 2:** Encourage, facilitate and support inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue to help inform interconnected policymaking towards sustainable food systems at local, national, regional and international levels. |  |  | This would link well with objective 5 proposed – see above. But the current description seems to focus on policy rather than financial and technical assistance for new technologies, so perhaps it needs some tweaking or even a new work area devoted to supporting research and development? |
| **Programme Work Area 3:** Facilitate the use and enhance opportunities for market-based and/or voluntary approaches throughout supply chain towards sustainable food systems. |  |  | Market-based and voluntary solutions may not be sufficient. For example, mandatory sustainability certification and standards may be required, as experience has shown with the many voluntary biofuel sustainability certification schemes, most of which do not adequately address food and nutrition security. Minimum producer prices and other regulations could also help to redress power imbalances within food systems |

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| Are there other **work areas** you think should have priority, if so, what? | Yes  No |  |
| Can you propose priority **activities** under the Work Areas, if so, what? | Yes  No |  |

**Other Feedback on the document**

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