



# 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)?

- Need stronger statement on the multiple sectors required to make sustained improvements in nutrition, i.e. going beyond just food.
- Due to the global increase in overweight, we would like to see stronger emphasis on overweight and obesity, including Para 1.
- Para 3 - It is great that the text acknowledges the devastating impact that climate change is and will continue to have on the global food and agriculture system. To increase community resilience in the face of climate change, we need to strengthen local food systems using an ecosystem-based model of agriculture. The majority of small-holder farmers and pastoralists are both poor (in terms of economic incomes and assets) and are vulnerable to an increasingly variable and unpredictable climate and its many effects. In other words, they are vulnerable to external shocks which are increasingly frequent, leaving them with a declining ability to cope with these stresses, and therefore maintain any gains in the well-being of their children
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### 2. Do you have any comments on the background and analysis provided in the political declaration (paragraphs 4-20 of the zero draft)?



- Para 7 would like to see the statement on breastfeeding go beyond just the exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months, but to include the recommendation of continued breastfeeding for 24 months and beyond as part of good infant and young child feeding practices. There should be support and commitment of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes.
- Para 12 - having good policies in place is one step, however translating policy into action, particularly to the most vulnerable, is often non-existent. Recommend for a national multi-sectoral mechanism that would hold various sectors accountable to policies, connected to a local level accountability mechanism.
- Para 17 – need to emphasize the importance of using evidence to inform decision making in the development of nutrition policy and programme implementation
- Para 20 – include the need for competency development in nutrition to fulfil this point

**3. 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:

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

- recommend to add at the end 'and people right to adequate food and nutrition'

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.

- governance mechanism that ensure accountability for implementation of policy to reach the most vulnerable
- allocation of resources to ensure the policy is turned into action

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.

- should include clear targets and timeframe for the above commitments

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