**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)?**

Paragraph 1:

Consider adding link between malnutrition and communicable diseases.

Paragraph 2:

Consider being a bit more specific on micronutrient deficiencies

Not only women but also pre-school children are affected by anemia with negative impact on their learning capacity

Paragraph 3:

It is not clear enough. Consider divide better content between three main issues: food production/agriculture, food consumption/diversity of diet, food distribution/market forces.

The issue of market forces influencing production and distribution is missed.

Consider adding a 4th paragraph on what is known/solutions to improve nutrition and benefits of investing in actions to improve nutrition.

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

Consider adding reference to market forces influencing production and commercialization thus availability of food and the need of strengthening the regulatory framework including effective enforcing mechanisms and monitoring systems in countries.

Paragraph 4:

Consider adding estimate of lives saved and disability averted by investing in nutrition interventions.

Paragraph 7:

Delete “maintain” in relation to prevalence of wasting.

Add “hypertension” to obesity, diabetes in the last sentence.

Paragraph 9 and 10: market forces play also an important role, people produce what can be consumed and sold.

Paragraph 9:

Add processes with which food is “marketed”

Paragraph 10:

Add “commercialization” to food processing

Paragraph 11: there are many concept in the same paragraph, consider divide in two.

Paragraph 12:

Add “investment, trade, and finance” to the list of sectors

Paragraph 14:

Add concept of “functional enforcement mechanisms” to the concept of regulatory framework

Paragraph 15:

The content is not very clear. Consider focusing on building evidence on effective policies and interventions.

Paragraph 16:

Add global goals/commitments/standards at the end of the sentence.

Paragraph 20:

As part of the accountability mechanism suggest adding indicators on investment or cost benefit of selected policies/interventions.

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;

add specific reference to marketing, as this can be regulated

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.

It looks like a rather generic statement and in fact it should be government responsibility.

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.