Draft Vision and Strategy of FAO’s Work in Nutrition

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Background – Nutrition Landscape

• 2014, the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)

• 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025)

• Overweight/obesity and diet-related NCD have become leading causes of disease and death worldwide

• FAO tackles malnutrition through a food system approach, above and beyond nutrition-sensitive agriculture
Background – FAO Strategy

• Feb 2019 - Evaluation of current strategy published

• April 2019 - FAO Council approved development of updated Strategy taking into account:
  • New nutrition landscape
  • Food systems approach
  • Address all forms of malnutrition

• November 2019, an annotated outline was reviewed by the 127th Programme Committee, which recommended.
  • continuing with an inclusive consultation process with Members
  • including a discussion of draft with all FAO technical committees
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Vision and mission

• **Vision** - a world where all people are eating healthy diets from sustainable food systems that protect human health and wellbeing and are resilient to shocks.

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<th>Desired Impact of the Strategy</th>
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<td>contribute to healthy diets</td>
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<td><strong>Food environments</strong></td>
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<td>make healthy diets available accessible safe and affordable</td>
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• **Mission** - to accelerate actions to ensure food systems enable the provision and consumption of healthy diets to raise levels of nutrition.
Outcomes

**Mission**

To accelerate actions to ensure food systems enable healthy diets

1. Shared vision and awareness for nutrition and importance of healthy diets
2. Evidence is available on policies, practice, investment and innovation to enable healthy diets
3. Consensus is built across multi-sectoral stakeholders on ‘win-wins’ and managing trade offs
4. External capacities are enhanced for actions that enable healthy diets
5. FAO capacities are sufficient to complete mission

**Vision**

Everyone is eating healthy diets
Activities

- Develop a shared UN vision for nutrition
- Promote, communicate and provide guidance for role of healthy diet
- Collate and share data on diets
- Promote existing best practices
- Disseminate “how to” tools
- Convene dialogue for consensus
- Engage with private sector actors
- Analyse trade-offs in food system
- Provide policy and technical assistance
- Convene dialogue for consensus
- Provide training & educational tools
- Develop training materials, guidance & tools for local contexts
- Leverage technical and non-technical areas of FAO
- Ensure countries can engage in CCA and UNSDCF
- Align strategy with other FAO policies, strategies, etc

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Vision

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### Process, New Development, and Timeline

**FAO technical input**
- Strategy core writing team
- Nutrition Strategy Technical Task Team
- Decentralized offices
- FAOR Thinklab, August 2020

**Members feedback**
- Programme Committee / Council 2019
- Member informal seminar, June 2020
- FAO Technical committees 2020

**External feedback**
- UN agencies
- Academics
- Civil society partners
- Donors (n = 31)

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**New Development**

- Content of the Strategy updated based on inputs from extensive internal and external consultations
- Accountability Framework and Implementation Plan drafted

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**Complete Draft**
Programme Committee review **November 2020**
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**Final Draft**
Programme Committee approval, **March 2021**
Council endorsement, **May 2021**
Forests and Nutrition

• Nearly 1/3 of the global population depends on forest foods and services for their livelihoods, food security and nutrition

• 2.4 billion people use woodfuel cook food and clean water

A Field Perspective –
Nutritious forest product: Madd from Casamance, Senegal

• FAO, 2019. Geographical Indications for sustainable food systems Preserving and promoting agricultural and food heritage
Request

• The Committee is invited to:

• Provide guidance on the Strategy, from the perspective of forestry.

• Provide proposals for improvements to the Strategy to ensure that the potential of forestry to enhance diets is realized.
Thank you.

FORESTS AND THE SDG DECADE OF ACTION