



CFS 47 Plenary - V session on the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

Statement of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

Thank you Chair Tiensin.

Good morning, afternoon and evening Ladies and Gentlemen. I would also like to congratulate the Committee on World Food Security for this comprehensive set of guidelines that have just been approved after a complex and fruitful convergence process and a lot of work from so many.

I am here today wearing two hats: that of DG of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, part of One CGIAR, and also as one of the co-leads of the thematic areas of Action Track 3 on Boosting Nature positive production of the UN Food Systems Summit.

It is good to see important topics such as climate action, agrobiodiversity, healthy diets and nutrition being reflected in the guidelines. We are ready to offer our capacity together with that of other CGIAR units and partners to support countries in implementing these guidelines and provide technical advice into applicable solutions to transform our food systems.

For example, the Alliance is part of a project that aims to strengthen the capacities of right-holders and beneficiaries to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP). This will be done by drawing on the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems for Nutrition in four countries (Cambodia, Ethiopia, Honduras, and Uganda) - with our intention to scale up the approach and learnings to other countries in the second and third phases of the programme. Our role will be generating evidence on the importance of human rights frameworks in food systems and provide that evidence to national and international constituencies to advocate for rights-based approaches.

And even though it is too early to foresee what game changing solutions will be up-taken by the UNFSS as the process moves forward, we are already seeing that many of the ideas emerging from the multi-stakeholder consultations and other channels are closely related to the Voluntary guidelines. Here are a few examples:

- SHIFTING TO REGENERATIVE, NATURE-POSITIVE LANDSCAPES, including through agro-ecological approaches, the sustainable use of natural resources in food production, sustainable livestock and management of rangelands and grazing systems, agroforestry and promoting blue foods.
- ADOPTING CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION PRACTICES for producers and across food supply chains
- DRAWING ON THE POWER OF AGROBIODIVERSITY to build sustainable and resilient food systems for production and nutritional outcomes.



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- RETHINKING FOOD GOVERNANCE at a landscape level building enabling environments to promote multi-sectoral coordination across health, agriculture, environment, etc., acknowledge environmental services, allowing for higher interaction among stakeholders.
- TACKLING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE within the farm and at the farm gate.

In closing, these guidelines do not only lay out a list priorities and concrete solutions for transforming our food systems. They also provide countries and other stakeholders with a clear roadmap for tackling the lock-ins to transform food systems. They are a crucial instrument to inform the UNFSS process, and to help turn into action the commitments that will stem from it.

Thank you very much for your attention. Over to you Chair.



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