

Philippine Statement
Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches
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The Philippines commends the Chairperson, Rapporteurs, Secretariat, HLPE and all the CFS members and stakeholders in crafting the policy recommendations on agroecological and other innovative approaches.

We are pleased that these policy recommendations aim to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and pay particular attention to promoting family farming, in particular small-scale food production, as they make highly significant contributions to food security and nutrition, equity, poverty alleviation, employment and sustainable management of natural resources, and require specific policies to support them.

These policy recommendations are in line with our country's "New Thinking for Agriculture" and national food security framework and plan, anchored on four major pillars of consolidation, modernization, industrialization and professionalization.

We concur that digitalization, being a powerful innovative approach, can support family farmers and small-scale producers in improving their resource management and competitiveness, especially in this pandemic crisis. There is a need to promote context-specific policies to bridge the digital divide and to facilitate access to digital tools, infrastructure, and technological solutions to improve rural attractiveness, particularly for the women and youth.

We support market and social innovations that strengthen linkages between urban communities and food producers that provide sustainably produced healthy, safe and nutritious food to all consumers while providing living wages and decent livelihoods to producers.

We agree with promoting and enabling responsible investment in participatory research and innovation on agroecological and other innovative approaches, addressing the specific needs of people in vulnerable situations, with their empowerment and active engagement, leaving no one behind.

It is imperative to provide producers with public policies and private investments, including support in transitioning to more sustainable food systems, addressing climate change and building resilience.

With these remarks, the Philippines endorses the policy recommendations and the draft decision, notably being a valuable input into the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-28.

Thank you.