

ITEM IV. THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CFS

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Delegation of Norway

- Thank you chair.
- The Food Systems Summit has set *food systems as such* firmly on the international agenda. This is promising.
- The Secretary General Statement of Action challenge us *to do more and to do better*. The Summit provided us with solutions and coalitions for follow-up.
- As for the CFS, it is critical that it is engaged in the follow-up. We therefore welcome that the role of the committee is included in the Statement of Action.
- The CFS must play to its strengths – the rights-based approach, and the involvement of civil society and the private sector.
- It is absolutely necessary to understand the complexity of food systems. Analytical frameworks developed by the CFS, provide guidance to member states to achieve the sustainable development goals, in particular SDG 2 to End hunger.
- The normative follow-up through the scientific work of the High Level Panel of Experts as well as through the voluntary guidelines, are important contributions to this end.
- Having said that, it is up to us as member states of the CFS, to ensure that the output is supportive of national transformation.
- Breaking down silos is essential to address the whole food system. The Summit highlighted several important thematic areas. These thematic areas, such as the role of aquatic foods in the food systems, should be integrated and highlighted in CFS' work.

To conclude, chair,

There is a strong need for a science-based and multistakeholder approach in food systems. We encourage CFS to fulfil this role, whilst incorporating the outcome of the Food Systems Summit in further work.

Thank you.