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Promoting Youth Engagement & Employment in Agriculture & Food Systems

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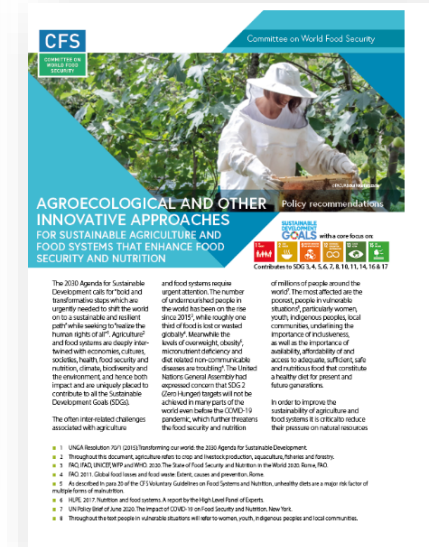
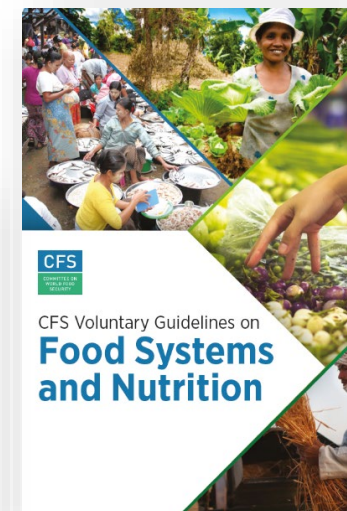
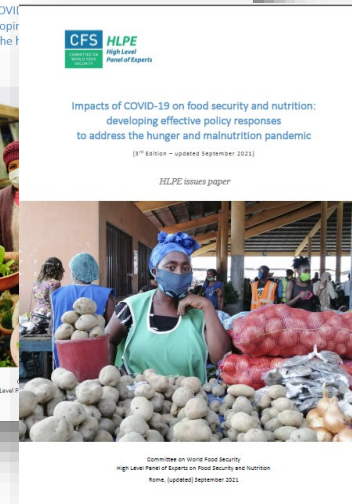
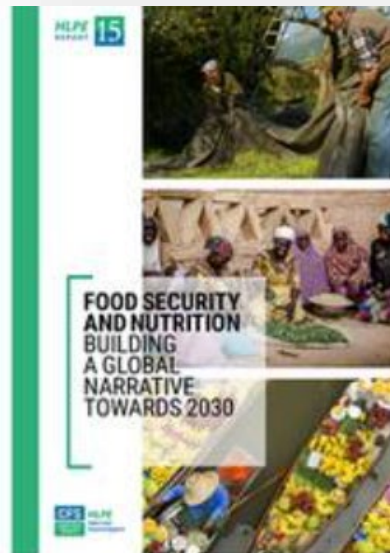
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- *Data collection & analysis tools*
- *Reducing inequalities*

HLPE reports: “Success has many parents and a transparent process”

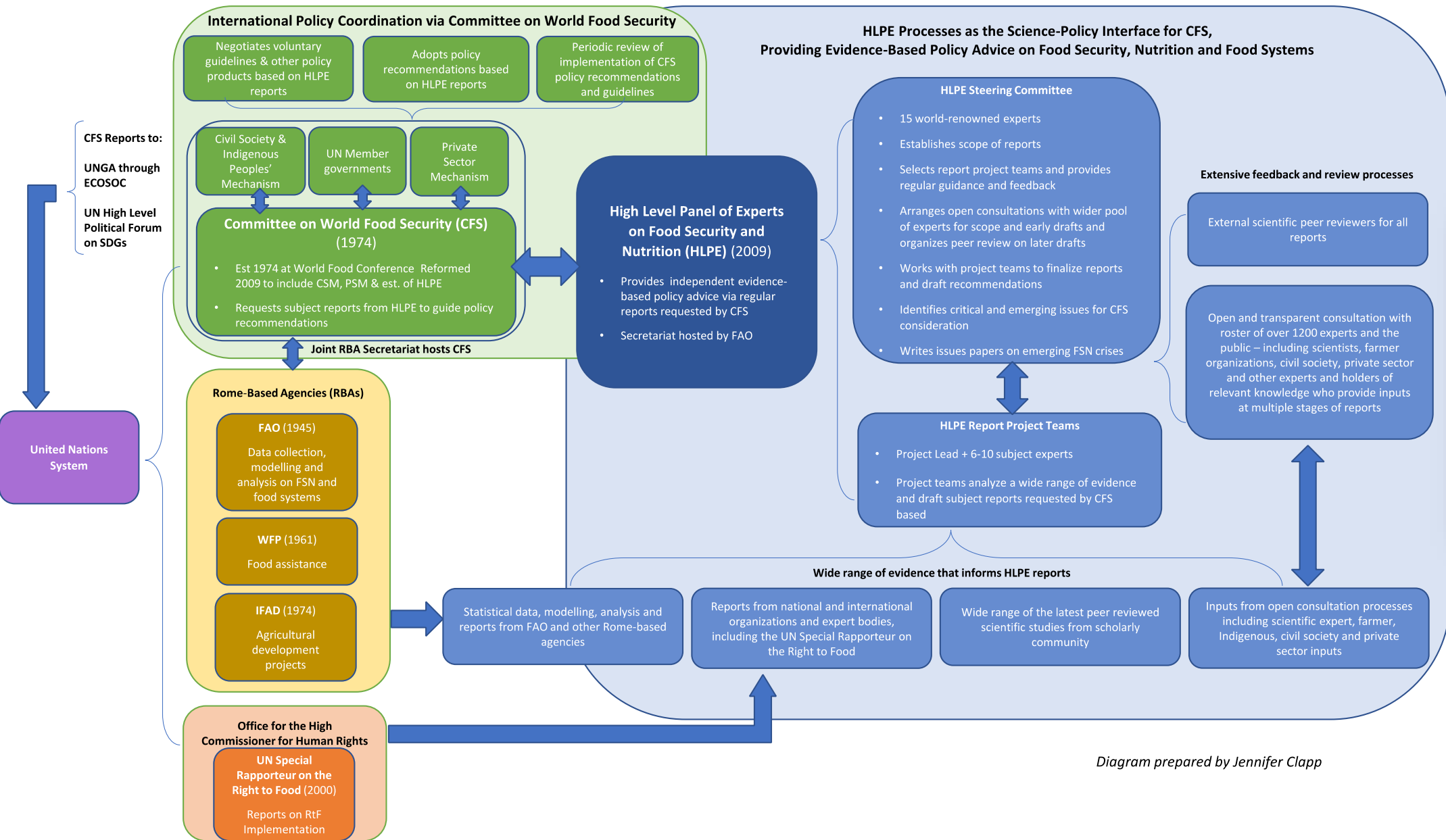


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Key messages from the HLPE Report (1/2)

1. Putting **youth at the centre of the policy convergence process**. This would involve approaches and policies to strengthen youth engagement and employment in food systems, based on the **pillars of rights, equity, agency and recognition**.
2. Recognizing the **diversity of contexts and of youths**, including by gender, and **ensuring context-specific employment and labour market policies** that are **economically rewarding** and **intellectually satisfying** at global, national and local levels. This would involve recognition to and support for the development of a range of skills and innovations.

Key messages from the HLPE report (2/2)

3. Ensuring youth have **equitable access to resources, including re-distributive and mediated market policies**, to access land, water, forests, labour, knowledge, information, agricultural extension, finance, credit, markets, technology **and supporting institutions** for sustainable food systems transformation.
4. **Strengthening digital technologies** has the potential to “expand knowledge democracy”, together with **overcoming ongoing digital divides** so that these benefits are not concentrated on only those youth with access to high levels of financial capital.
5. **Promoting youth-centred innovation for sustainable food systems** using different systems of knowledge and practice, needs to be based within more democratic and **inclusive governance** and organizational models.



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Thank you!