

CFS 49 Agenda item IV: MYPOW

Switzerland's statement

- Switzerland supports a consideration of the Covid-19 implications as within the existing workstreams and policy processes. More importantly, we would like to underline the relevance of the *HLPE issues paper on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition*, where a revision at a later stage with distance to the pandemic could permit a profound analysis on the value of CFS products and potential space to improve or complement on the CFS work.
- The different workstreams planned by the CFS should/could be better linked with key action areas developed during the Food Systems Summit preparatory process. New workstreams should also respond to these global priorities

CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

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- Switzerland welcomes the *draft of the CFS voluntary guidelines on Gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition* as women of all ages play a vital role in advancing food systems and are crucial in all aspects of rural life.
- The guidelines are salient, as many gender-related inequalities still need to be addressed. These guidelines must remain ambitious in scope and establish a solid foundation for equitable access to resources and opportunities in the context of food security and nutrition for both genders everywhere.
- The guidelines must build on the gender-related language in the Voluntary Guidelines on "Food systems and nutrition" and

“Responsible Governance of Tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security”.

- Switzerland especially welcomes gender-transformative approaches incorporated in the draft guidelines. The promotion to tackle both the symptoms and the structural causes of gender inequality and identify unique opportunities to evolve. This requires also engaging men and boys to strengthen their joint responsibility for successful transformation of unequal power relations and discriminatory social systems, institutions and structures.
- Switzerland would like to emphasize that agroecological approaches take a holistic view on food systems. As they focus on economic, social and environmental dimensions, gender norms and inequality have distinct impacts on all three dimensions regarding sustainability. Failure to recognize this, will undermine the impact. We would therefore urge that the focus on agroecological approaches in the guidelines be strengthened.