

Special Event: Thursday 13th October 10:00-13:00hrs

WHO Intervention from Floor

Thank you to the panelists for sharing these experiences linked to the food systems pathways/transformation in your countries.

The World Health Organization is supporting efforts to align and mobilize food systems transformation. We are engaged for example in the Coalition of Action for Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All, which emerged from the UN Food Systems Summit, and in the school meals coalition.

WHO is also supporting the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub here in Rome.

As WHO we are advocating for putting health at the center of food systems and to embrace the interconnectedness of humans, animals and the planet that sustains mankind.

This is outlined in the WHO narrative using a One Health approach.

Moreover, WHO calls for the implementation of a simple set of policies leading to population changes towards a healthy and sustainable diet :

Food fortification and food reformulation, healthy public food procurements, fiscal policies, front-of-the-pack nutrition labelling, and marketing regulations.

These policies aim to address the availability and accessibility of foods which comprise healthy dietary patterns, as well as the current oversupply of foods and beverages high in unhealthy fats, sugars and salt.

These actions are part of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

WHO did a preliminary analysis of 104 UNFSS national food systems transformation pathways:

- 68 of them discussed the burden of malnutrition
- 24 emphasized the right to food
- About half (49 pathways) referred to at least one of the global nutrition and diet-related NCD targets
- Related to the WHO supported policy package just mentioned, healthy public procurement initiatives were the most frequently included (in 68 pathways).

My question to the panelist is

Could you share some more insights about If at all, and how nutrition was addressed in the process (e.g. through participation of partners from different sectors) and how are nutrition actions incorporated in the transformation pathway to contribute to effectively address the malnutrition problems in your country ?

Thank you