

Thank you, chair!

- I sit here as a representative of youth in civil society, from the Norwegian youth organization Spire. We work towards just and sustainable food systems through our political and informational work on local, national and international level. We believe that food systems have potential to solve global challenges, if smallholder food producers' food sovereignty is respected and supported. This intervention is made on behalf of the Norwegian delegation.
- Let me start by saying that youth and young people have an important role in agriculture and food systems, and are key to promote food security, build sustainable food systems and realize the 2030 Agenda. At the same time, it is central that food systems are made inclusive to youth to ensure that our needs are met. The promotion of our role, as suggested in the policy recommendations in document CFS 2022/50/8/Rev. 1, is therefore positive.
- The recommendations emphasise a rights-based approach as a starting point for all policies, including the right to land, and efforts to engage youth in agriculture and food production. We support this approach and wish to emphasize that basic human rights to food, to education and to work, are especially important to ensure that young people both get a good start to adult life and responsibilities.

Chair,

- Skills and competency are key elements if we are to realize the sustainable transition globally, regionally, nationally and locally. Sustainable food systems will thus be dependent on a skilled and competent work force throughout the entire value chain for food. Food systems should supply more and better jobs for youth.
- Young people are the future of our food systems and should be trained and engaged to make sure that they find a meaningful outcome as skilled and competent actors in the food value chain. Knowledge, education and skills are important parts of the recommendations
- In Norway, there is a growing lack of skilled workers in the food sector. At the same time, there is an ongoing generational change in parts of the food value chain. The Norwegian government prioritizes efforts to meet the challenges in the sector, such as increased focus on vocational training especially for the food sector and innovation measures and sustainable practices in agriculture.

Chair,

- We need the engagement of the entire society if we are to build and develop sustainable food systems. Youth engagement and employment in the food value chain is especially important in this regard. Norway therefore fully supports the endorsements of the recommendations as suggested in document CFS/2022/50/9/ Rev. 1. We also encourage the other participants at the meeting to support them as well.

Thank you!