



Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition

Thank you Mr Cafiero and to the HLPE team for presenting and preparing the report on “Data Collection and Analysis Tools”.

The political dimension of data

We highlight the importance of understanding both the technical and political, or **data governance elements**, of data. Data management should be embedded in normative frameworks, such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It is necessary to understand both the risks and opportunities related to data collection and tools. In particular, related to:

- Combining data from a different data sources and systems, for example to achieve greater interoperability, and
- For vulnerable groups

On the definition of data

Norway welcomes the **broad definition of data** used in this report. It is necessary to include both qualitative and quantitative data to contribute to transformation in agrifood systems.

We would like further clarification of when **different types of data** are referred to in the report, as well as who the **relevant stakeholders** are.

Data as a public good and open access principles

We support the conceptualization of data as a **public good** and the need to open up the **black box** of data analysis and tools. This is necessary to increase the availability of data, address data gaps in national and international systems, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.¹

Open access is an important principle for Norway. For instance, Norway has worked extensively with open access related to fisheries and aquaculture and geolocation data.

Open access should be combined with **capacity building** at national level.² Norway underlines the need to focus on solutions that are **scalable** and adapted to **national contexts**.

On the operationalization and implementation of the report

We underline the importance of including the actors who can **operationalize and implement the recommendations** from the HLPE.

¹ [Digital Public Goods | Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology \(un.org\)](#)

² [Digital Public Goods Alliance](#) – supported by Norway



Norway finds it surprising that the HLPE has not consulted more widely with **National Statistics Offices** (NSOs) and other public organizations producing official statistics in the National Statistical Systems (NSS).

We would also welcome more consultations with the expert groups under the United Nations Statistics Commissions.

Other important themes

We emphasise that **disaggregated data**, including by sex, age, disability, are essential for the implementation of the SDG indicator framework and to fulfil the ambition of leaving no one behind.

Norway underlines the need for a broad definition of agrifood systems. Although we commend the reference to the Nansen programme, we would like more references to **fisheries and aquaculture** in the report. *As illustrated by the SOFIA report 2022, fisheries and aquaculture play an essential role in our food systems – providing food, nutrition and employment.*

Norway would like further information on the **selection criteria for good practice** in the report.

On **data trusts**, we would welcome further information on how the HLPE will manage risks related to establishing data trusts that include both state and non-state actors.

Thank you.