

## CFS 53<sup>rd</sup> Plenary

### **Agenda item IX. Fostering Commitment and Momentum for Nutrition Thursday, 23 October 2025, 15:00-18:00 (CET)**

Statement delivered by Anna Horner, UN-Nutrition Senior Coordinator.

Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

UN-Nutrition, the United Nations inter-agency coordination mechanism for nutrition, brings together the collective voice of 15 UN agencies and entities committed to advancing the global nutrition agenda and contributing to the Decade of Action on Nutrition.

On behalf of the UN-Nutrition members, we commend the Committee on World Food Security for including this timely and critical discussion on fostering commitment and momentum for nutrition in the agenda of its 53rd Plenary.

Nutrition touches every aspect of development and good nutrition drives progress toward every sustainable development goal we share. It fuels economic growth, lifts people out of poverty, and strengthens communities' resilience against multiple crisis.

Achieving results across the SDGs requires the systematic integration of nutrition into all relevant sectors, addressing malnutrition in all its forms while tackling root causes such as poverty, inequality, food insecurity, and inadequate access to basic services.

The Nutrition Decade provides all stakeholders with a time-bound opportunity to sustain political momentum, strengthen coherence across sectors, and ensure that nutrition is central to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

As we heard from the presentations today, recent international momentum has elevated the importance of nutrition integration within global dialogues and platforms. In March 2025, the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Paris marked a pivotal moment for global nutrition. As highlighted by France, the Summit generated historic financial pledges and over 500 programmatic commitments.

Central to these outcomes was the launch of the Nutrition Integration Compact by the UK Government, signed by 86 countries and organizations in just a few months. The Compact calls for embedding nutrition goals and indicators into broader sectoral policies, programs, and investments—ensuring nutrition is no longer siloed but mainstreamed across development agendas. The Scaling Up Nutrition Movement has also played a key role in mobilizing support from SUN countries to the Compact. Events such as Rome Nutrition Week and the UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake have continued to position nutrition as central to sustainable development.

The CFS and its policy products, such as the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition offer a critical tool to translate global commitments into country-level action. With their comprehensive scope, they will continue to guide and inform commitments, as well as the implementation of the Nutrition Integration Compact. Their relevance extends beyond governments, supporting decision-making across civil society and the private sector alike.

The UN-Nutrition Secretariat and member agencies remain fully committed to working collaboratively with all partners to achieve our shared goals of ending malnutrition in all its forms and securing food systems that are sustainable, equitable, and nutrition sensitive.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Government of Ireland who remained a key partner of UN-Nutrition to ensure direct support to nutrition coordination in a number of high undernutrition-burdened countries.

Thank you, Madam Chair