## Outcomes of the JOINT FAO/WHO SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION (ICN2) 19-21 November 2014





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## ICN<sub>2</sub>

A very high political and intergovernmental event attended by over 2.200 people

- 162 Member States of FAO and WHO +
   1 Associate Member + EU + 3 Observers
  - 85 Ministers and 23 Vice- Ministers from Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Health and other sectors
  - 82 Ambassadors and 114 High-level government officials
- Accredited Observers
  - 27 UN and other IGOs
  - 164 civil society and private sector organizations
- Parliamentarians, opinion leaders, researchers and development experts



## **Objectives of ICN2**

- to review progress made in improving nutrition since the first ICN in 1992;
- to reflect on problems that remain, as well as on new challenges and opportunities presented by global changes; and
- to identify policy and institutional options for enhancing nutrition world-wide



## Twenty Two Years Later ...

.....progress in reducing hunger and malnutrition is unacceptably slow

- 868 million people undernourished in 2010 FAO estimates (SOFI,2012)
- Close to 7 million children die before their 5th birthday every year -WHO estimates, 2011
- 160 million children are stunted due to chronic malnutrition SOFA,
   2013
- 99 million children are underweight WHO estimates, 2011
- Around 2 billion people affected by micronutrient deficiencies SOFA, 2013
- 43 million children under 5 are overweight and obese WHO estimates, 2010
- 500 million adults affected by obesity SOFA, 2013





## Preparations for the ICN2 – a very participatory

Policy direction for the preparatory process provided by the ICN2 Steering Committee

**Joint** 

Working

Group

Open

**Ended** 

Group

Working

approach 7 regional & sub-regional preparatory meetings (May 2011 - March 2013) **Preparatory Technical** Meeting (Nov 13-15, 2013) **Rome Declaration on Nutrition** 

> ICN2 (Nov 19-21, 2014)

**Framework for Action** 

1) Social protection to protect and promote nutrition 2) Nutrition-enhancing agriculture and food systems 3) The contribution of the private sector and civil society to improve nutrition



#### **Outcome documents**

Rome Declaration on Nutrition

commitment for more effective and coordinated action to improve nutrition

Framework for Action (FFA)

a voluntary technical guide for the implementation of Political Declaration

#### **Ten ICN2 commitments**

- ① Eradicate hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition
- ② Increase investments
- ③ Enhance sustainable food systems
- Raise the profile of nutrition
- Strengthen human and institutional capacities
- ⑤ Strengthen and facilitate, contributions and actions by all stakeholders
- ② Ensure healthy diets throughout the life course
- ® Create enabling environment for making informed choices
- Implement commitments through Framework for Action
- Integrate vision and commitments into post-2015 agenda

- The nature of this Framework for Action is voluntary.
- Sixty Recommendations are principally addressed to government leaders to achieve better nutrition for all.
- FFA provides a set of policy options and strategies which governments, acting in cooperation with other stakeholders, may incorporate, as appropriate, into their national nutrition, health, agriculture, development and investment plans, and consider in negotiating international agreements to achieve better nutrition for all.



#### Thematic areas for action

- Enabling environment with multi-sector engagement
- Sustainable food systems for healthy diets
- nutrition-enhancing investment and trade
- Nutrition education and information
- Social protection
- Strong and resilient health systems, including actions on:
  - breastfeeding, wasting, stunting, childhood overweight and obesity, anaemia in women of reproductive age and health services to improve nutrition
- Water sanitation and hygiene
- Food safety
- Accountability



#### **Post ICN2 Actions**

The Rome Declaration on Nutrition called upon the UN General Assembly to:

endorse the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action and consider declaring a Decade of Action on Nutrition for 2016-2025.

#### Purpose of the Decade:

To translate the agreed commitments of the ICN2 outcome documents into sustained and coherent actions by governments and the UN System, with overall international coordination jointly provided by FAO and WHO



#### Post ICN2 Actions within FAO

- Mainstreaming nutrition within FAO's Strategic Framework
- Activities in support of member countries, covering different areas of the FFA that directly relate to the Organization's mandate
- Setting up a Nutrition Trust Fund
  - Support governments in transforming the ICN2 commitments into concrete actions

Reporting on ICN2 follow-up to FAO Governing Bodies



## Post ICN2 Actions with other partners

- Inter-agency coordination and collaboration on nutrition:
  - ■With other UN partners, develop a mechanism for monitoring progress on the implementation of ICN2 outcomes
  - Improve coordination for nutrition based on existing mechanisms (CFS)
  - ■FAO will continue to collaborate with relevant UN Bodies, IOs and other partners for the preparation of the annual "Global Nutrition Report"



#### ICN<sub>2</sub> website



Visit ICN2 site at:

http://www.fao.org/ICN2



# Thank you for your attention!

- 1. Enabling environment for effective action (7 Recommendations)
- 2. Actions for sustainable food systems promoting healthy diets (9 Recommendations)
- 3. Actions in international trade and investment (2 Recommendations)
- 4. Actions for nutrition education and information (3 Recommendations)
- 5. Actions on social protection (3 Recommendations)
- 6. Actions for strong and resilient health systems (4 Recommendations)
- 7. Actions to promote, protect and support breastfeeding (5 Recommendations)
- 8. Actions to address wasting (2 Recommendations)



- 9. Actions to address stunting (2 Recommendations)
- 10. Actions to address childhood overweight and obesity (4 Recommendations)
- 11. Actions to address anaemia in women of reproductive age (2 Recommendations)
- 12. Actions in the health services to improve nutrition (6 Recommendations)
- 13. Actions on water, sanitation and hygiene (3 Recommendations)
- 14. Actions on food safety and antimicrobial resistance (5 Recommendations)
- 15. Accountability (3 Recommendations)



### **Regional Nutrition Figures**

- the average Daily Energy Supply (DES) in the region has risen from 2741 in 1990-92 to 3,123 kcal/capita/day in 2012–14
- Energy Supply Adequacy (ESA) varies from 102% (Yemen) to 152% (Morocco).
- All NENA countries lying above the World Average of 122% except for Iraq and Yemen.
- SOFI 2014 reports a relatively high Prevalence of Undernourishment (PoU) in the region (about 8 percent)
- Stunting stands 24.3% -medium severity
  - •Egypt (30.7%), Iraq (27.5%), Former Sudan (37.9%), and Yemen (57.7%).
- Obesity: 23.6%- world average is 11.7%.
  - •The Mashreq countries register a rate of 28.4%, the Magreb countries, 19.2%, and the GCC 34.4%.
- Anemia: one third of the population in the Region is anemic

