

Italian comment to the workstream “**Promoting youth employment in food systems, sustainable rural transformation and territorial approaches (SDG2 <-> SDG 8)**”

1. We propose to change the title, keeping the original proposed title : “Putting youth at the center: engaging youth in FSN policies and practices and creating rural decent jobs and income”
The concept of putting youth at the center by engaging with youth constituencies was key in the original version of the workstream.

2. Therefore we also suggest to clearly reintroduce the objective of including youth in the decision-making process. In this regard, we also propose to reintroduce the proposal of a substantive discussion in a Bureau/Advisory Group meeting as a kick start/first phase of the discussion.

As the needs and demands of youth can be multiple and diverse depending on the interested category (young farmers, young entrepreneurs in FSN, young researchers...), the proposed thematic workstream should actually benefit from a substantive and inclusive discussion in a Bureau and Advisory Group meeting format on how to engage youth in FSN-related policy-making, with a focus on youth employment across the agrifood value chain, sustainable rural transformation and territorial approaches : the members of the AG would be called upon to invite the representatives of youth/youth constituency of their respective category, to provide inputs and to share their perspectives on the topic or their experiences.

3. The MYPOW should clearly indicate that CFS would benefit from an HLPE report on this topic.