Statement by the World Bank to CFS on MYPOW 2020-2023 Zero Draft

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Comments on the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023, Zero Draft

The World Bank welcomes the new CFS Secretary Chris Hegadorn and looks forward to working with him and his team as well as with the Bureau and the Advisory Group.

The World Bank welcomes CFS's activities to develop a forward-looking and renewed global narrative on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN), especially considering the recent evidence on the importance of food systems for adaptation to, resilience building against and mitigating climate change and improving human health. Sustainable food systems within planetary boundaries can't be achieved without addressing food lost and waste. As an inclusive multi-stakeholder platform, the CFS can inform the progress on the 2030 Agenda in their work, continuing to contribute to the HLPF and identify gaps in the discussion of the main drivers affecting FSN. The World Bank commits to contribute to a CFS document.

Regarding the proposed workstreams on global policy guidance the World Bank

- 1. supports and looks forward to engaging in the policy process on Food Systems and Nutrition intended to develop Voluntary Guidelines;
- 2. awaits with great interest the HLPE launch of the report on "Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems" as an important basis for policy convergence;
- 3. welcomes the development of a set of globally accepted Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Context of FSN;
- 4. recommends emphasizing aspects of Urbanization and Rural Transformation in the development of a set of policy recommendations on Promoting youth employment in food systems, sustainable rural transformation and territorial approaches;
- considers Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition as imperative for reaching SDG2 but due to the broad overlap with the workstreams on Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and Youth Employment advocates for the inclusion of the mentioned critical issues in these workstreams;
- suggests prioritizing the development of an integrated and comprehensive policy framework/guidance for countries in fragility, conflict and violence situation and forcibly displaced people on Nutritious Food Security;
- 7. welcomes CFS discussion on data collection and analytical tools including the World Bank's Living Standard Measurement Study's Integrated Surveys on Agriculture and the coalition of donors and technical agencies spearheading the nascent 50x2030 Initiative on Data Smart Agriculture aiming to increase the understanding and awareness among CFS stakeholders of data needs in FSN;

8.	notes with regret that the proposal on Water Management for FSN has have been dropped for now and hopes it can be taken up at a later stage.