

**Preliminary Inputs of Indonesia  
to the Zero Draft  
“Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches  
for Sustainable Food Systems that Ensure Food Security and Nutrition”  
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1. Indonesia highly appreciates the inclusive efforts that have been made in formulating the *Zero Draft Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Food Systems that Ensure Food Security and Nutrition*. The zero draft has highlighted the importance of policy coherence in transforming global food and nutrition system, local and national agricultural context, and pointed out that there is no ‘one size fits all’ policy to achieve a sustainable food system.
2. As Indonesia attaches great importance to achieve a sustainable food and nutrition system, Indonesia would like to submit its preliminary inputs and comments to the zero draft as follows:
  - a. **First**, a coherent and comprehensive approach, which takes into account various food systems in different countries, needs to be pursued and incorporated in formulating the draft. Moreover, we are also of the view that there is a need to highlight the issue of inequality between/among countries as one of the major issues related to inequality of the global food system.
  - b. **Second**, as the text has not yet, in our view, sufficiently discussed the issue of capacity in terms of innovation and digitalization in the global food system, we are of the view that it is critical that the text should also discuss the importance of capacity building, in terms of innovation and digitalization, especially to developing and low-income countries with a view to implement and achieve a sustainable food system.
  - c. **Third**, move paragraph 12 to somewhere under recommendation III since the issue of monitoring is dealt under recommendation III.
  - d. **Fourth**, noting the different contexts and, therefore complexities and difficulties in using the term ‘indigenous’, we would like to suggest to add the words ‘local community’ to be used in addition to the term ‘indigenous people’ so that the phrase will be “***indigenous people and local communities***”. We kindly ask to use this phrase throughout the text, including in paragraphs 18, 24, 34, 36, and 47. In addition, we kindly seek further clarification of the term “*food insecure people*” in paragraph 18.
  - e. **Fifth**, Indonesia acknowledges the importance of women’s role in the process of building a sustainable food system. Therefore, Indonesia recommends avoiding the use of non-clearly defined terminology which can lead to double meaning and politicization, such as “*gender transformative policies*” as mentioned in paragraph 54 recommendation V. Thus, we would like to suggest revision of the paragraph as follows:

“In line with the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), support ~~gender-transformative policies~~ ***gender responsive policies***, programmes and actions that support women’s autonomy and ~~self-determination~~, challenge the underlying causes of ~~gender~~-inequality within food systems with respect to norms, relationships and institutional structures, in particular by ensuring that laws and policies ensure equal participation between men and women, equal-income ***pay for work of equal value***, shared power and access to resources and public services, and ~~ending gender violence and sexism~~ ***eliminating all forms of violence***.”

In addition, we would like to seek further clarification with regard to the needs of teenagers and girls in relation to sustainable food system as mentioned in paragraph 54.

- f. **Sixth**, we view that there is a need to put in the text, the acknowledgement of various criteria in defining “*small-scale farmers*” across countries. This acknowledgement can be put in the chapeau of the document or, at least, as a footnote.
- g. **Seventh**, we propose to replace the term “*marginalized and vulnerable groups*” mentioned in paragraph 47 with the term “*those who are vulnerable*” or “*those in vulnerable situation*” in accordance with the terms used in the various UN resolutions.
- h. **Lastly**, Indonesia views that the text should reconsider the use of the term “*sustainable healthy diets*” in paragraph 26 since it is still currently being discussed within the framework of CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems for Nutrition (VGFSyN) and has not been internationally-agreed. Indonesia also views that the use of the term ‘agroecology’ should be strictly limited to internationally-agreed document.

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