Indonesia Input to VGFSyN Draft for Negotiation

1. Indonesia highly appreciates the inclusive efforts and the last discussion led by Ambassador Hoogeven of Netherland. In general, Indonesia is of the view that the current draft is comprehensive and detailed, in which accommodating various aspects of food systems and nutrition. However, the draft can still be developed to support initiatives, in order to improve food systems and nutrition, with regards to achieving SDG 2: "ending hunger, achieving better food and nutrition security and supporting sustainable agriculture".

2. Indonesia acknowledged the importance of sustainable food system. However, we are of the view that the term ‘sustainable healthy diets’ should be used in accordance to internationally agreed language. Thus, we support the position to use the term ‘sustainable food system for healthy diets’ as the main objective of this guidelines is to achieve sustainable food systems.

3. Indonesia is of the view that paragraph 12 which describe the definition of food system should be moved under section 1.2 as Key Concepts, as the term ‘food systems’ is the heart of this document.

4. Indonesia attaches the great importance to address the issue of food and waste as one of the key issue in the achievement of sustainable food system. Thus, we propose to insert the paragraph here as part of section 1.1 ‘Background and rationale’ (para 14bis):

   **Food losses and waste** has contributed to decrease the quantity or quality of food along food system. It also represents economic losses for all actors along food supply chains, including end consumers. Moreover, food losses and waste represent a highly inefficient use of resources, such as water, energy and land. Reducing and preventing food losses and waste would lessen the need for production increases and would lead to more efficient in the use of resources with positive impacts on climate change.

5. Noting the importance of climate change and its relations to achieve SDG 2, in paragraph 19, we should add SDGs 13 the list of related goals.

6. We recommend to change the wordings of paragraph 30, as follows, to avoid redundancy and unnecessary understanding:

   "The VGFSyN are intended to help develop holistic and inclusive public policies as well as also to be used in policy discussions and implementation processes by relevant stakeholders such as:[..]"

7. We need clarification of the use of ‘or’ on the title of section 2.3 “Guiding principles for transforming food systems OR promoting sustainable food systems”.

8. We propose to insert one paragraph to explain the role of ‘other stakeholder’ after paragraph 37 as part of VGFSyN overview.

9. Noting the importance of global partnership to improve and achieve sustainable food systems and nutrition, we are of the view that the VGFSyN should strongly emphasis multisakeholders partnerships. Governments should play as coordinating role. Thus, we propose to insert the phrase ‘including the establishment of national coordinator’ to section 3.1.2 (a).
10. We acknowledge the importance of water management and its role in maintaining soil nutrient. Thus, point 3.2.1 “Prioritizing climate adaptation and mitigation across food supplies” and 3.2.2. “Ensuring sustainable use and management of natural resources in food production” should be further explained in accordance to Climate Change Conference/Conference of the Parties 25 (COP25/SB51).

11. Noting the importance of local food systems, we are of the view that the development of local agriculture should be pursued to promote nutrition using local resources. Thus, we propose to add a point to point 3.2.3 on developing local food specifically using local resources.

12. To encourage the role of youth in the efforts to improve food systems, we propose to acknowledge the role of formal education, especially to improve the qualities as well as quantities of agriculture workers. We propose the changes to section 3.2.6 as follows:

   “invest in formal education, appropriate vocational training, and mentorship programmes”.

13. We propose to bring special attention to the role of smallholders’ farmers and family farmers to the achievement of global sustainable food systems.

14. We propose to change the reference to adolescent girls to the term ‘women and girls’, as in our national legal system we do not have adolescent girl as one category. We also propose to change the terminology ‘marginalized group’ to ‘vulnerable group’, in order to avoid multi interpretation of the term marginalized group, as it depends on local and national context on which group refers to be marginalized [section 3.7.1 (a); and section 3.3.1 (b)].

15. We propose to insert natural disaster and pandemic as part of humanitarian crisis, thus to insert this changes to paragraph 44 as follows:

   “44. Linking food security and nutrition interventions during humanitarian crises (man-made, climate-related, and natural disaster as well as pandemics) with longer-term strategies to strengthen the resilience of food systems is key. [...]”

16. Indonesia acknowledge the important role of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) within sustainable food systems. However, the term may not be suitable for our national context. Thus we propose to use the term ‘Indigenous people and local communities’, as the term has been used on internationally agreed documents, including Paris Agreement.

17. Indonesia also proposes the reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in point 3.3.1. letter b may be deleted because the context in which it is used is not relevant. UNDRIP only provides a framework related to IPs issues, while the points referred to discuss a broader context, including vulnerable communities and disabilities which are not mentioned in UNDRIP.

18. HLPE Food Systems Framework page 11, if possible, we proposed following changes:

   ⇒ In the Socio-cultural drivers box, formal / informal education is added
   
   ⇒ Figure 1, the direction of the Consumer behavior (CB) to Food supply chains (FSC) and Food Environments (FE), which means that CB affects FSC and FE. For this reason, we are of the view:

       1. The arrow line from CB to FSC is deleted since there is no direct relationship between FSC and CB, because there is an FE that bridges between FSC and CB.
2. Change the direction of the arrow to only from FE to CB
   \[\Rightarrow\] Food quality and safety in the FE box should be deleted, because food quality and safety are not included as food access (physical, economic, information access).