



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

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**POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGROECOLOGICAL AND
OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES - DRAFT DECISIONS**

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee considered document CFS 2021/48/2 "CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches" and CFS 2021/48/3 "CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches - Draft Decision", as presented by Mr Yaya Olaniran (Nigeria), Rapporteur of the policy convergence process.

The Committee:

- a) expresses appreciation for the effective leadership of the current, and previous, Rapporteur;
- b) endorses CFS 2021/48/2 "CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches" taking note of their voluntary and non-binding nature;
- c) encourages all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, in solidarity, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations to support the development, enhancement and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives, where appropriate;

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- d) encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share these lessons with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;
- e) underlines the valuable input the Policy Recommendations will provide to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 discussions and any follow up process;
- f) decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g) encourages FAO, IFAD and WFP to consider, through their Governing Bodies, the enhancement of coordination and coherence with respect to their strategies, policies and programmes on agroecological and other innovative approaches; (from 1o)
- h) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, [endorse] and ensure the wide dissemination of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- i) agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF);
- j) underlines the importance of the role of innovation in family farming, and invites the Steering Committee of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming, in collaboration with FAO and IFAD, to consider integrating the findings of the HLPE report on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition (CFS 2019/46/INF/17), and these Policy Recommendations, into the implementation of the Global Action Plan of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming;(from 5f)
- k) in view of the upcoming *HLPE Report on Data Collection and Analysis Tools*, and in line with the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 (CFS 2019/46/7 paras 38-44), encourages the HLPE Steering Committee to consider, as appropriate:
- the data needs that arise from these Policy Recommendations, including in relation to comprehensive metrics and indicators covering social, environmental and economic dimensions of agriculture and food systems; (from 2f)
 - the evidence of benefits and challenges of digitalization for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition and assess the potential of digitalization for contributing to the full range of agroecological and other innovative approaches. (from 3w)
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