

UNFSS Pre-Summit Parallel Session: Multilateral Policy Convergence for Food Systems Transformation; CFS and its Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

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Panelist as Chair of UN Nutrition on <i>The role of the UN in the promotion and implementation of the CFS VGFSyN</i>	4 min	425

Your excellencies, distinguished speakers, ladies and gentlemen.

Many thanks to the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security for organizing this session.

This is an important opportunity to highlight the important role of the CFS as the most inclusive platform to discuss food security and nutrition. Including in the context of food system transformation.

I am delighted to participate in this panel as Chair of UN Nutrition, the United Nations common voice for nutrition.

UN Nutrition works to overcome fragmentation, increase harmonization on nutrition and provide coordinated and aligned support to governments in addressing and preventing malnutrition in all its forms.

The strength of UN Nutrition lies in the inter-agency collaboration and coordination at global and country levels, as well as in going

beyond the “traditional” major nutrition actors and opening avenues for a truly inter-sectoral support for nutrition.

UN Nutrition is a strong ally of the CFS as we provide relevant science and evidence-based, normative guidance produced by its member agencies, as well as ensure alignment with globally and inter-governmentally agreed nutrition targets and goals.

For this reason, UN Nutrition is uniquely positioned to support the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines of Food Systems and Nutrition.

It is now time to translate the Guidelines into action.

The Voluntary Guidelines present holistic and comprehensive guidance for governments to positively influence the evolution of food systems for better nutrition. Countries need to use the recommendations and further elaborate them into policies and investments at national level.

And here is where UN Nutrition has a strong role to play, by disseminating and promoting the Guidelines at country level. And by mobilizing and coordinating its member agencies in countries and ensuring the Guidelines are used in conjunction with other existing UN normative and technical guidance.

At country level, we work in collaboration with Resident Coordinators and UN Country teams and this helps making sure relevant global guidance developed in Rome reaches governments and actors working on the ground.

Also, UN Nutrition is working on a guidance note to ensure nutrition is well integrated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks. The CFS guidelines, in conjunction with

evidence based normative guidance from the UN, definitely constitute a useful tool to support this integration.

The year 2021 is a critical time to move from commitments to action.

As UN Nutrition, we will work to mobilize political momentum for nutrition and food systems transformation along the road to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, COP-15, COP-26 and the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021 and beyond.

Thank you.