



Statement CH – CFS Youth Workstream

Question 1: Which priority issues and policy-relevant areas should be addressed through this CFS policy convergence process and included in the policy recommendations?

- Thank you Mr. Rapporteur for giving me the floor.
- Mr. Rapporteur, over the last years, Switzerland has promoted youth as important agents of change in multilateral settings and several international for a,
- Therefore, we are pleased to see that the role of youth as important actors and agents of change in agriculture and food systems is gaining greater attention, particular bearing in mind risks related to climate change.
- First of all, Switzerland would like to highlight that we consider the scientifically sound aspects in the HLPE report, as important bases for the development of the policy recommendations.
- With regard to the priority issues and policy-relevant areas that should be addressed through this CFS policy convergence process, Switzerland would like to share the following four points:
 1. Firstly, we consider it as an overall objective of the policy recommendations to have youth strategies elaborated proposing a suite of interventions to address the challenges and to maximize the available opportunities to attract and retain youth in the agriculture and across entire food systems. This, of course, adapted to the respective national context, and national, regional and local needs ;
 2. Secondly, the policy recommendations resulting from the youth workstream should provide answers on how to render agriculture and food value chains a more attractive sector for engagement and therefore also deal with the sustainable development of rural areas and the rural-urban nexus.



3. Thirdly, the policy recommendations must address the enabling environment, the policies, laws and incentives for sustainable agricultural investment, and to ensure that these empower young entrepreneurs in agricultural and food value chains.
 4. Fourthly, the policy recommendations must address the crucial issue of ensuring that young entrepreneurs have access to a wide range of services. Access to land, markets education and finance. With regard to access to finance, we see the aspect of de-risking as valuable tool, particularly in regard of generation handover;
- Switzerland hopes to see these aspects in the resulting policy recommendations and embraced during the upcoming negotiations.
 - We look forward to negotiate based on and without losing sight of what unites us instead of what divides us.
 - Thank you, Mr. Rapporteur.