

PROMOTING DECENT WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The session highlights the importance of agriculture and food systems in creating decent and productive jobs, as well as the importance of harnessing this potential to achieve sustainable development and contribute to the realization of the right to adequate food.

The panel is moderated by Christine Campeau, Global Policy Director, Food and Nutrition Systems at CARE, and a keynote presentation by XXX, International Labour Organization (ILO) on the ILO policy guidelines on *Promotion of Decent Work in Agrifood Sector* and their synergies and complementarities with the CFS policy instruments.

The panel is composed of:

- XXX (representative from Asia and the Pacific) TBC
- XXX (representative from Africa) TBC
- Svetlana Boincean, Agricultural Coordinator, International Union of Food workers (IUF), CSIPM representative
- Chris Hogg, Global Head of Public Affairs (VP), Nestle, PSM representative

2. The Committee:
 - a) Welcomes the Plenary session on “*Promoting Decent Work in Agriculture and Food Systems*” recognizing its critical role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - b) Takes note of the overview provided in the document CFS 2024/52/inf.22 “*Promoting Decent Work in Agriculture and Food Systems – Information Note*”;
 - c) Highlights that: i) access to employment is a key element to consider for hunger and poverty reduction; ii) taking measures to encourage sustainable development to provide opportunities for work that foster adequate remuneration allowing for an adequate standard of living for rural and urban wage earners and their families is critical to achieve food security and nutrition;
 - d) Recognizes that several CFS policy instruments refer to the importance of developing and strengthening policies that create and safeguard decent work opportunities for people in agriculture and food systems to support their wellbeing, while contributing the realization of human rights, by implementing existing global policy and human rights instruments, including the ILO fundamental conventions;

- e) Takes note of the adoption in 2023 of the ILO Policy Guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agri-food sector, setting out common principles and the policy framework to guide action to advance full and productive employment and decent work in the sector as an essential part of efforts aimed at building sustainable food systems and emphasizing the need for an integrated and coordinated approach at various levels and the involvement of a wide range of actors;
- f) Recognizes the role of the CFS through its convening power in fostering the discussion among different stakeholders on ways of strengthening synergies and complementarities between relevant policy agreements of the CFS and the ILO, among others, and their implementation, as part of the policy convergence work.
- g) Takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:
 - i. [Recognizes the work of the Coalition on “Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems” that was launched during the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and CARE International, aiming at promoting constructive solutions and support actions towards “advancing equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities”];
 - ii. XXX
 - iii. XXX