

Dear CFS Secretariat,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written inputs on the Draft Outline of the Action Plan of the workstream "Increasing Awareness, Ownership, Use and Usefulness of CFS Policy Outcomes" highlighting roles and expected contributions of the philanthropic foundations.

Regarding actions to strengthen the usefulness of CFS policy agreements, we suggest the following: Philanthropic foundations can serve as catalysts supporting frontline actors engaged in global policy advocacy related to food security and nutrition. By providing support and resources to grassroots actors, philanthropic organizations can empower these actors to engage effectively in policy discussions, enhancing coherence, participation, and inclusivity in the implementation of CFS policy outcomes. Through targeted support, philanthropic foundations can enable them to navigate complex policy landscapes, amplify their voices, and drive meaningful change. By fostering collaboration and capacity-building initiatives, philanthropic entities can contribute to maximizing the usefulness and impact of CFS policy agreements, advancing collective efforts towards food security and nutrition worldwide. In this way, philanthropic foundations further the “scaling out” of food systems transformation.

Regarding actions to promote awareness and use of CFS policy agreements, we suggest the following: Philanthropic foundations can play a pivotal role in disseminating CFS policy outcomes across their networks of donors and grantees for example by offering insight into grant allocation (recipients and processes), forging partnerships, and conducting impact assessments aligned with CFS products. By leveraging their networks effectively, they can promote increased awareness and utilization of CFS policy agreements. Moreover, philanthropic entities can influence their network members and partners in integrating CFS policy outcomes into their programs, amplifying the reach and impact of these critical agreements. Philanthropic foundations collaborate closely with bilateral and multilateral donor agencies as well as private investors, thus multiplying the broad consultation and uptake of CFS policy agreements.

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide our input regarding this workstream, and we remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

The Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism