



CFS High-Level Virtual Special Event on Global Governance of Food Security and Nutrition – 13 to 15 October 2020

Plenary Session III: Draft CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and Draft CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches and their relevance to the objectives of the UN Food Systems Summit

Thursday, 15 October (13:00pm to 16:00pm)

Swiss Statement:

- Switzerland **recognizes the complexities of the negotiations** on the Voluntary Guidelines of the VGFSyN and the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches. The current constraints due to the pandemic do not facilitate these negotiations.
- Therefore, we need a **high degree of clarity and transparency**. We need to make sure the **process is inclusive and not conducted virtually only**. Physical negotiation rounds are part of such a process.
- We must **create ownership** for these two CFS products. Without ownership, there will be no, **impact on the ground**.
- But ownership alone is not enough to have impact on the ground. The CFS products have to **be action-oriented, applicable, and comprehensive**. Unfortunately, the draft **VGFSyN are still far away from this**.
- In addition, and to no surprise, the **VGFSyN do not systematically address the nexus issue between food security, nutrition and sustainable food production**. Only by addressing this conceptual connection, that we call sustainable and healthy diets, the VGFSyN can add value. The Chair's Proposal **has lost in structure and content-wise and in some respects, it falls behind the goals of the 2030 Agenda**.
- With regard to the workstream on **CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches**:
 - Switzerland would like to **thank the former rapporteur H.E. Mohammad Hossein Emadi** for its demonstrated leadership and look forward to continue working in the same spirit of compromise under the new rapporteur H.E. Yaya Olaniran.

- In our view, the Draft Policy Recommendations are too far deviating from the corresponding HLPE report. The upcoming process needs **to make better value the findings of the HLPE report**, as they provide a science and evidence basis that the CFS should not neglect.
- Switzerland will **continue to actively engage in the finalization of these important CFS products**. My delegation will continue to push that they reflect fully the evolved understanding of food security and nutrition.