



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

Plenary Session I: State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2020 and the HLPE report on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030

Tuesday, 13 October (13:00pm to 16:00pm)

Swiss Statement:

- Switzerland welcomes this year's SOFI report on transforming food systems for affordable healthy diets. The **report clearly states that we need a transformative change of food and agriculture** and that sustainable food systems are central to achieve affordable and accessible healthy diets for all.
- With regard to the published hunger figures in the SOFI 2020 report, Switzerland wants to clearly highlight that the supposed progress for 2020 – in 2020, 130 million fewer hungry people were reported than in 2019 – is to be explained by the **revision of data collection and analysis in some regions. This change in numbers is NOT the consequence of progress made in achieving Zero Hunger.** Despite the change in statistics: what happened to these 130 Mio. individuals who are no longer included in the Hunger statistics? Are they really better off or are they now left behind?
- This year's SOFI report confirms that **hunger is on the rise** and the majority of indicators are not on track. This is alarming
- Switzerland **welcomes the HLPE 2020 report** "Building a Global narrative towards 2030". Particularly, we would like to highlight the expanded understanding of food security and nutrition through the dimensions of agency and sustainability. Hence, food security is only given when food is available, accessible and utilizable, when individuals and groups are their own food agents and when the food is sustainably sourced. It will be of utmost importance that the **ongoing and future work of the CFS fully integrates this evolved understanding of food security and nutrition.**
- To conclude, Switzerland sees three important aspects to successfully transform food systems to make sure we "leave no one behind":
 1. Recognize and apply the expanded understanding of food security and nutrition
 2. **Shift to an integrated food systems approach** taking into account all the socio-economic and environmental aspects

3. **Work through Multi-stakeholder partnerships**, as challenges are complex and systemic and cannot be addressed in a top-down and linear fashion