

Expert Group Meeting on Progress in Achieving SDG 2 in Preparation for the HLPF

Short Inputs by the CSO experts attending the meeting for the HLPF Ministerial Declaration

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The CSO experts attending the EGM on SDG2 meeting highly appreciated the space to exchange on priorities for action and on issues to bring to the attention of Member States and the HLPF.

The messages of the meeting were very well presented and summarized by the organizers, whom we congratulate on putting the rich discussions into the short messages, which of course need to be further outlined in the full report of the meeting. We do want to highlight the importance of such preparatory event to the HLPF as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda depends on a range of actors. We need to make use of their insights for the HLPF. Inputs from relevant fora, such as the CFS and its policy products, as well as by other preparatory processes by different stakeholders, can really enrich the Thematic Reviews of the SDGs.

We do believe, the HLPF MD could benefit from stronger language mentioning 1) hunger whenever poverty is mentioned (e.g. in paras 7, 10) as these two are so closely linked; 2) we would specially welcome directly mentioning the need for sustainable food systems that protect natural resources (e.g. Biodiversity, land in the spirit of a Land Degradation Neutral World) and livelihoods (e.g. in paras 11, 17), this would imply ensuring solutions based on systemic change, solidarity economy and agroecology, over a productionist approach that prioritizes technological solutions; and 3) we would support mentioning the need for secure and gender equal tenure rights to land and natural resources (e.g. in para 11).

We reinforce our commitment to contribute to strengthening the work and role of HLPF. We also stand ready to work together with MS aiming to highlight these issues stronger in their National Voluntary Reviews.

Thank you for the opportunity.

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