

### **Remarks by Stineke Oenema, Coordinator, UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition**

The world faces an urgent nutrition problem, with one out of 3 people suffering from one or more forms of malnutrition. Current trends show us it is unlikely we will eliminate all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

Unhealthy diets are the number one risk factor for the global burden of disease.

Sustainable Food systems, linking production with consumption, particularly local food system are the number one entry point to improve diets. Healthy and sustainable diets contribute to improved health as well protect our planet.

We know what to do and we know investments in nutrition pay off.

We now live under the Decade of Action on Nutrition. Country led action is needed and governments are invited to make SMART commitments, specifying national targets and developing policies and programmes to achieve those targets.

In the Food System we discussed already the importance of small scale producers. Private sector is another very important actor in the food systems. We need to engage with private sector and make sure their actions are more nutrition sensitive and are prevented and managed.

Other actions we need to take are:

Analyse the nutrition impact of investments and the food environment and adapt policies or investments where and if needed.

Develop food-based dietary guidelines that include sustainability criteria.

Invest in local capacity: nutrition front line workers.