

Statement Switzerland

Agenda item 7- Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work in Nutrition

- Switzerland welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Draft Vision and Strategy for FAO's work in Nutrition.
- In general, Switzerland appreciates the **comprehensive and system's approach** taken in this strategy, and especially the recognition that **sustainability is paramount and that healthy diets from sustainable food systems are vital to ensure nutrition.**
- FAO has a **crucial role to play in promoting this transformational change**, through the building of networks, strengthening its science and evidence-based work and the development of metrics and hence strengthen its normative capacities.
- Switzerland welcomes the **recognition of the role of sustainable food systems for nutrition** and supports FAO to work in all aspects of food systems, **including sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development**, in order **to tackle malnutrition in all its forms** through improving diets and food systems, and hence play a role in achieving the SDGs.
- In general, we are of the view that **"healthy diets from sustainable food systems"** should be **emphasized and referred to throughout the document, as sustainable food systems are key for promoting environmental sustainability and long term resilience.** The FAO can play a key role in preparing the ground for the **necessary discussion about trade-offs.**
- **In the same way as the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and the Committee on Forestry (COFO)**, we suggest to maintain a recommendation in the final report of this committee to recognize the central role of healthy diets to be achieved through a food systems approach.
- In addition, we would like to strengthen the **consumption's perspective** and add the link to **SDG 12** (sustainable production and consumption) – which is key for all related activities – in the Draft Vision and Strategy. In this sense, SDG 12 should be added in Paragraph 1.
- Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.