

# 2021 Food Systems Summit PSM Position Paper

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## Food System Summit Principles

- i. **Addressing rural multidimensional poverty as a critical part of food systems transformation** – Encourage governments and all stakeholders to tackle the varying layers of disadvantages faced by rural populations, including chronic poverty and hunger, lack of access to health care and schools and telecommunications connectivity, in the efforts towards resilient and sustainable agriculture.
- ii. **A diversified food system is a resilient food system** - Integration of a broader cross section of crops, livestock, horticulture, agro-forestry, and fisheries improves environmental economic, social, and nutritional outcomes.
- iii. **Holistic dialogues promote greater collaboration** – Promote greater integration that includes all aspects of the agri-food value chain to be included nationally on an ongoing basis to help nurture collaborative solutions to food systems resilience and challenges and encourage governments to foster a whole of government approach.

## Action Track I

### Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all

1. Promote **nutrition sensitive agriculture** to create incentives for farmers to plant crops needed for diverse, healthy diets to deliver good nutrition.
2. Encourage multi stakeholder and multi sectorial approach towards awareness raising on the importance of **macro and micro nutrients** and how food systems contribute to healthy and sustainable diets, in efforts towards a world free from malnutrition.
3. Significantly increase funding for the achievement of the 6 targets of the WHO Comprehensive Implementation Plan on **Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition**, with particular attention to target 2:
  - I. 40% global reduction in the number of stunted children under 5
  - II. 50% reduction of anemia in women of reproductive age
  - III. 30% reduction of low birth weight
  - IV. No increase in childhood overweight
  - V. Increased rate of exclusive breastfeeding in the first 6 months to at least 50%
  - VI. Reduced childhood wasting to less than 5%.

## Action Track 2 Shift to sustainable consumption patterns

1. Promote nutrition sensitive agriculture by encouraging a diversity of agricultural systems that create well rounded healthy diets and optimal **regenerative approaches**.
2. Encourage multi stakeholder approach in creation of efficient and sustainable consumption and production patterns along the entire food system, in efforts to address **food loss and waste**.
3. Improve **water use** efficiency in agriculture and create **drought preparedness** systems including regional efforts to reduce drought vulnerability and risk; and use tools to boost the resilience of people and ecosystems to drought.

## Action Track 3 Boost nature-positive production

1. Promote optimal **crop rotations** to include cereal, oil seed and pulse and encourage integrated farming techniques that cover all aspects of farming including grains cropping, horticulture, fisheries, agro forestry and livestock.
2. Focus on **soils** to sustain health and achieve carbon sequestration and restore degraded areas through efforts at better land use planning, more regional approaches to grassland management and conservation tillage.
3. Encourage the creation of policy for the utilization of **climate smart agriculture** techniques to increase sustainable agricultural productivity and create resilience.

## Action Track 4 Advance equitable livelihoods

1. Encourage investors, donors, and governments to focus on supporting **youth and women** smallholder farmers, including access to land and resources such as inputs, irrigation, energy, agricultural extension services, grain storage, processing and packaging centers and information.
2. Promote the adoption of the **UN CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Governance of Tenure (VGGT)** and the **Principles for Responsible Investment Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI)**.
3. Ensure farmers of all scales are kept front and center of food systems discussions and decisions including in **digital agriculture**, with particular attention to the needs of rural and smallholder farmers as regards lack of connectivity and ag supportive infrastructure.

## Action Track 5

### Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks, and stress

1. Promote coherent and coordinated food system planning on an ongoing basis across the agri-food value chain to foster resilience and create a **rapid response mechanism** in crises.
2. Prioritize efficient global trade of food as an **essential good** through systems such as electronic filings and e-phytos and other techniques to ensure efficient global trade of food.
3. Utilize the **UN CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA)** to mitigate the threat of food insecurity and nutrition failures.