

CSM intervention on 2018 *HLPE report on "Multi-Stakeholders Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda"* – 19 October 2016

Thank you Madam Chair,

Civil Society acknowledges and thanks the MYPOW Chair for his work in fostering coordination and convergence for the coming work program, in particular in relation to the selection of the 2018 and 2019 HLPE reports.

With regard to the 2018 HLPE report on "Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda", the CSM wishes to express its disappointment at the selection of this topic. The subject does not respond to the priority interests of social movements, the people who contribute the most to feeding the world, and suffer the most from malnutrition and hunger. This topic is distant from their daily life and the food security challenges of small-scale producers.

Civil society proposed that at least the word 'partnerships' be replaced with 'platforms'. If our recommendation had been adopted, this report could have incorporated examination of mechanisms that deliberate about policies and strategies as well as financial investments. It would have allowed far greater flexibility to address the lived reality small scale producers, and have been better suited to address the range of challenges involved in implementing the SDGs with support from a variety of actors.

By rejecting the adoption of 'platform' instead of partnerships, an opportunity has been missed to critically examine and clarify the roles and responsibilities of different actors in food security and nutrition governance, and to assess the central challenges found in such settings, including the tensions between rights-holders and stakeholders and issues related to conflicts of interest.

We hope that the selection process for the 2019 HLPE will see the CFS focus once more on topics most relevant to the small-scale food providers, farmers, pastoralists, fishers, indigenous peoples, and food and agricultural workers, who feed 70% of the world, and we stand ready to play our part to constructively foster this discussion.
