

INTERVENTION ON CFS POLICY CONVERGENCE PROCESS: SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FSN, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF LIVESTOCK - 17 OCTOBER 2016

I would like to start by thanking the HLPE and His Excellency Amb. Yaya Olaniran, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to FAO, IFAD and WFP. We need to recognise the diversity of systems. We need to ensure that recommendations are followed up. To this end we request that follow-up take the same format as that of Connecting Smallholders to Markets: dissemination of recommendations and the organisation of a monitoring meeting in order to draw on lessons learned and evaluate the relevance and effectiveness of recommendations.

Our systems are evidently sustainable because they are anchored in history and boost our cultures. We can reach all citizens; we can reach our brothers and sisters in far away areas because we have the strength and the means to do so. What we do not have is real support from our governments to develop coherent human rights-based public policies.

Therefore, we believe that this document is only the first step towards building an adequate comprehensive tool, which addresses existing problems in our territories.

Our agroecological practices provide healthy foods whilst also preserving and recreating biodiversity, but they are not valued in the CFS-approved categorisation of production systems.

We believe that the document is not enough to fulfil the CFS mandate, as it does not address the existing tension between different systems. We find that peasant and indigenous farmers and breeders are under constant pressure from the corporate sector, which threatens our truly sustainable practices.