

THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (VGFSyN) – DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The session was introduced by a session moderated by XXX, on the future uptake and implementation of the VGFSyN. Opening statements were delivered by a representative of the United Nations Secretary General (TBC), Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security; Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Mr Gilbert Hounbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP).
2. CFS 2021/47/XX “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)” and CFS 2021/47/XX “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) – Draft Decision,” as presented by Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands), Chair of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition.
3. The Committee:
 - a) expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Food Systems and Nutrition and acknowledges the effective leadership of the Chair of the OEWG;

endorses CFS 2021/47/XX “The Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)”, taking note of their voluntary and non-binding nature;
 - b) encourages all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) to support the development and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives, where appropriate;
 - c) encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Voluntary Guidelines and to share these lessons with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring structure and practice of the Committee;
 - d) commends those countries that have voluntarily pledged to deploy the Voluntary Guidelines in their own national policy and/or legislative circumstances, in conjunction with commitments related to the UN Food Systems Summit and the UN Decade of Action on the 2030 Agenda, and encourages other countries to take

similar steps to actively utilize this CFS product as a tool for national-level, multi-stakeholder action to address issues linked to food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms, as well as related social, economic and environmental sustainability issues.

- e) decides to transmit these recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding jointly supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- f) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, endorse and ensure the wide dissemination of these Voluntary Guidelines to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g) agrees to include these recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF).