

#### **Agenda Item 4: Nutrition – Focus of the HLPE report**

- 1) Regarding the Request for the HLPE Document on Nutrition, the CSM Working Group on Nutrition decided not to advance further comments at this stage, also considering the necessity to move the process forward. However, the CSM feels that the document, while comprehensive and substantive, somehow suffers from the lack of logical sequence in advancing the nutrition conversation within the CFS, as this would have been the natural consequence of a larger debate, including a deeper conceptual and political understanding of nutrition in the CFS context, rather than its first step. However, there is nothing we can do about this at this stage. We therefore feel that we should let the HLPE proceed with its work, while the OEWG, under the able leadership of its Chair, can further its process.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Finalization of workplans**

##### ***Workplan on Nutrition:***

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- 1) CFS's engagement with nutrition needs to start from very clear value propositions and should be firmly grounded in a rights-based approach, with special but non-exclusive reference to the Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition, the Right to Water, the Right to Health, Women's Rights, the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Workers' Rights, among others.
- 2) CFS work should be based on the common understanding that the challenge of malnutrition in all its forms requires a holistic and multidisciplinary analysis, one that combines the political and technical perspectives. Its first fundamental step is the firm re-connection of nutrition with food, with the understanding that the food is the expression of values, cultures, social relations and people's self-determination. The act of feeding oneself and others embodies our sovereignty, ownership and empowerment. When nourishing oneself and eating with one's family, friends, and community, we reaffirm our cultural identities, our ownership over our life course and our human dignity.
- 3) Regarding the OEWG calendar, we welcome the inclusion - and wish to underline the importance - of one/two intersessional events to foster dialogue and understanding on nutrition in the CFS context. The CSM feels that these events – if planned in an inclusive and participatory manner – could greatly contribute to establishing a common language across all CFS constituencies and build our collective capacity to engage in this new and pivotal work stream. The CSM stands ready to engage in the planning and preparation of these events.