

## **CSM Plenary Statement on Monitoring**

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We want to first acknowledge the achievement of a shared common understanding of the innovative monitoring mechanism of the CFS and its role to promote accountability and share best practices at all levels, as outlined in the CFS evaluation. With this shared understanding in mind, we welcome this decision box, which will further this innovative mechanism through a first pilot experience monitoring specific policy recommendations. These recommendations reflect important contributions and potential solutions to ending hunger and supporting the realization of the right to food.

The opportunity to take stock of issues which deeply impact the livelihood of smallholders – including investment, markets, and livestock- comes at an opportune time as we are about to enter the decade of family farming, and with the pending approval of the Declaration of the Rights of Peasants and other people working in rural areas. This exercise offers an opportunity to contribute to a shared understanding of key issues which impact questions of how to better support smallholders, and ensure foods systems which are socially and economically just. We look forward to the contributions of member states to this process, as well as welcome the opportunity for collaboration.