**Invitation to an open discussion**

**on the political outcome document of the ICN2**

**Comment Form**

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1. **General comments on the Draft of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.**

This draft is a welcome improvement on the zero version, with much greater recognition of the multi-sectoral nature and impact of undernutrition. Many thanks to colleagues who worked on it.

1. **Specific comments on the paragraphs related to the multiple threats that malnutrition poses to sustainable development (paragraphs 4-10).**

**Para 2.** It will be important to mention [WHA 2025](http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/nutrition_globaltargets2025/en/) nutrition targets here. I recognise the sensitivities you outline regarding FAO’s mandate; a clear reference to these would point the system in the same direction.

We welcome paragraph 4’s emphasis on nutrition’s widespread impact on society, including the impact on human potential.

We welcome para 5, bullet 2: recognition of poverty as a major factor in undernutrition.

We welcome para 8: recognition of impact of climate change.

1. **Specific comments on the vision for global action to end all forms of malnutrition (paragraphs 11-12).**
2. **Specific comments in the appropriate fields relating to these commitments (paragraph 13):**

Commitment a): eradicate hunger and all forms of malnutrition, particularly to eliminate stunting, wasting and overweight in children under 5 and anemia in women; eliminating undernourishment and reversing rising trends in obesity;

Commitment b): reshape food systems through coherent implementation of public policies and investment plans throughout food value chains to serve the health and nutrition needs of the growing world population by providing access to safe, nutritious and healthy foods in a sustainable and resilient way;

Commitment c): take leadership to shape and manage food systems and improve nutrition by strengthening institutional capacity, ensuring adequate resourcing and coordinating effectively across sectors;

Commitment d): encourage and facilitate contributions by all stakeholders in society and promote collaboration within and across countries, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation;

* We recommend a commitment to multisectoral coordination here, in the spirit of para 11b. Suggest adding a reference to this in point 13d.

Commitment e): enhance people’s nutrition, including people with special needs, through policies and initiatives for healthy diets throughout the life course, starting from the early stages of life, before and during pregnancy, promoting and supporting adequate breast feeding and appropriate complementary feeding, healthy eating by families, and at school during childhood;

Commitment f): adopt and implement a Framework for Action that should be used to monitor progress in achieving targets and fulfilling commitments;

* WHA targets should also be referenced under para 13f, to avoid duplication of existing targets

Commitment g): integrate the objectives of the Framework for Action into the post-2015 development agenda including a possible global goal on food security and nutrition.

1. **We would also appreciate your vision on policies, programmes and investment that might help translate such commitments into action.**

Domestic budgets must be increased and made more nutrition sensitive in order to tackle the challenge of undernutrition.

Governments and other actors can leverage existing platforms to deliver nutrition outcomes, for example community health workers and agricultural extension workers. This is critical to securing better nutrition for all.

We’d like to see a much greater focus on livestock and fish promotion for increased animal source protein. This is a neglected area of debate in the undernutrition debate.

All actors must place greater emphasis on pregnant and lactating women, in order to target the crucial first 1000 days from conception to the age of 2.