



Invitation to an open discussion on the political outcome document of the ICN

Comment Form

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1. Do you have any general comments on the draft political declaration and its vision (paragraphs 1-3 of the zero draft)?

- Paragraph 1: malnutrition increases susceptibility not only to NCDs but also to communicable diseases such as pneumonia and diarrhoea, the two major killers of children under-five globally. Please add “communicable” to the last sentence.
- Paragraph 2, additional bullets:
 - “Diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, worm infections and other enteric infections, responsible for much of the global child mortality and morbidity burden, can reduce nutrient absorption and utilisation”.
 - “There has been little progress on the environmental determinants of undernutrition; 2.5 billion people globally do not have access to adequate sanitation”.
- Paragraph 3: the recognition that the causes of malnutrition are complex and multidimensional is important. This paragraph should reflect the fact that these complexities go beyond those of the food system, and include aspects such as social and environmental determinants (gender, environmental health, social exclusion etc).

2. Do you have any comments on the background and analysis provided in the political declaration (paragraphs 4-20 of the zero draft)?

- Paragraph 9: replace “potable water” with “safe and sufficient drinking water”
- Paragraph 13: add “sanitation” in line 2, after “water”.
- Paragraph 16: at the end, add “both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive”.



3. Do you have any comments on the commitments proposed in the political declaration? In this connection, do you have any suggestions to contribute to a more technical elaboration to guide action and implementation on these commitments (paragraphs 21-23 of the zero draft)?

Please provide your comments in the appropriate fields relating to these commitments:

21. This paragraph refers to the need to “reshape the global food system”. To address nutrition, more is needed than reshaping the food system. Although this addresses issues of access to some extent (but does not address issues such as intra-household food access, for example), it does not address utilisation, in particular ensuring that nutrients can be absorbed. This paragraph should therefore be rephrased.

Commitment I: aligning our food systems (systems for food production, storage and distribution) to people’s health needs;

Commitment II: making our food systems equitable, enabling all to access nutritious foods.

Commitment III: making our food systems provide safe and nutritious food in a sustainable and resilient way;

→ an additional commitment is needed to work with non-food stakeholders such as health, gender, water and sanitation, and education actors to address utilisation in terms of behaviour change on feeding practices, food preparation and food distribution within households, as well as absorption through prevention of diseases (especially pneumonia, diarrhoea and enteric infections).

Commitment IV: ensuring that nutritious food is accessible, affordable and acceptable through the coherent implementation of public policies throughout food value chains.



Commitment V: establishing governments' leadership for shaping food systems.

Commitment VI: encouraging contributions from all actors in society;

Commitment VII: implementing a framework through which our progress with achieving the targets and implementing these commitments can be monitored, and through which we will be held accountable.

22. Commit to launch a Decade of Action on Nutrition guided by a Framework for Action and to report biennially on its implementation to FAO, WHO and ECOSOC.

23. Commit to integrate the objectives and directions of the Ten Year Framework for Action into the post-2015 global development efforts.