

PFM statement on item agenda VI. Leveraging the use of data for driving FSN Policy

Thank you Chair,

I'm taking the floor as Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism. In the session on Global Interlinkages, we did not have the chance of delivering our statement in the Plenary. So I would just like to inform you that our statements were delivered to the Secretariat and are being uploaded on our website: (pfm-cfs.org).

We would like to take note of Anthony's leadership as Chair of the Open Ended Working Group and Marteen's support as lead of the Friends' group. We would also like to thank the Bureau, the Advisory Group, and the Secretariat. Navigating the Data workstream was not an easy task but with the help and collaboration of the CFS community we were able to negotiate, and hopefully soon, will endorse a significant policy recommendation document.

As the High-Level Panel of Experts report notes:

- 92 countries have not conducted an agricultural census in the last ten years, 52 of which
- have not done so in the last 20 years.
- 10 countries have no agricultural census on record at all.
- 96 percent of countries do not have sufficient data to compute indicators for the productivity and income of smallholders, food loss, waste, and land rights.

High-quality, timely and relevant Food Security and Nutrition statistics are key to informing local, national, and global actions that promote food security and better nutrition. These statistics also need to be treated as a public good, "open by default," as recently endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission.

Chair, and CFS stakeholders, after endorsement of the CFS Policy Recommendations, our attention should now shift to the adoption and implementation of these recommendations. Therefore, we call on donors, country partners to consider addressing the investment gap. We would welcome a session at CFS52 on the progress made towards implementation of the data gap.

Not only must we invest more, but we must also coordinate and align our work. We should build on existing initiatives, such as 50x2030 and the Global Strategy for Rural and Agricultural Statistics, that support the capacity of national data and statistics systems and align data investments with priorities identified in national FSN policy and planning processes. This will reduce fragmentation and duplication of their support at the country level and increase the effectiveness of their investments.

We look forward to working across the CFS community to ensure adoption and implementation of these findings. Chair, we would like to request that the CFS articulate how it will hold stakeholders

to account for adoptions of these recommendations as a next step. We would be pleased to collaborate with others to make this a reality.

Finally, we would like to propose, for consideration in a future MYPoW, that the CFS develop a means to inform discussions on the future of the SDG indicators. This would be one way to take the capacity built under this workstream further.

Thank you, Chair, for your leadership in seeing this work through your term.