

**PFM Statement - VI. ADDRESSING MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS OF INEQUALITIES:
ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDUCING
INEQUALITIES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor. I'm here on behalf of the Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism, and you can find our full statement on our website.

- We entered these negotiations with the expectation that this Committee would examine the diverse and deep-rooted systemic drivers of inequality. As we have stated before, this is an issue of significant importance to us. Private foundations, after all, are both products of inequality and organizations designed to address it;
- We welcome the outcomes of these intense negotiations and are pleased with the ambitious recommendations that emerged. These touch on several key issues relevant to our work—such as acknowledging and addressing power asymmetries in food governance and value chains, reinforcing the role of social protection and gender policies, and highlighting the need for better data collection on inequalities, among others. We commend the negotiators for their dedication and flexibility in achieving these results;
- For many we consulted, the key challenge was how to engage with the structural sources of inequality without losing a practical focus—ensuring the recommendations are implementable and actionable;
- We see at least two ways in which philanthropies can make use of these outcomes. First, we now have a consensus-driven, internally agreed-upon menu of options that foundations can leverage to align their strategies, mobilize international support and partnerships, and adapt these global recommendations to their national and local contexts;
- Second, foundations can advocate for these recommendations in other international policy discussions they are involved in related to food system transformation, such as climate, biodiversity, and land conventions, the G20's Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, and the upcoming +4 review of the Food Systems Summit, among others;
- While we are just at the beginning of this journey, these recommendations will serve as a guiding framework for philanthropies committed to addressing structural inequalities.