**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.**

I found the initiative a very good and timely for addressing the nutritional aspects under diverse socioeconomic and cultural background of the earth. Overall, I agree with the broad essence of the draft. Some specific points on few aspects only (which in my opinion need some more specifics), have been provided below:

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

I agree with the broad essence of the draft- no comments.

1. **Specific comments on the vision for global action to end all forms of malnutrition (paragraphs 11-12).**

I agree with the broad essence of the draft- no comments.

1. **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;

* Malnutrition vis-a-vis human right in relation to state obligations needs to be emphasised.

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;

* Micro-planning for nutritional security of smallholder farmers vis-a-vis food security of the developing nations needs to be more emphasised.

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;

I agree with the broad essence of the draft- no comments.

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;

* Benchmarks of performance and accountability of resources are necessary for confidence building of donors and subsequently help in addressing the nutritional aspects.

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;

* There is an urgent need to strengthen the vital link between child feeding and food security of woman.

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

I agree with the broad essence of the draft- no comments.

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.

I agree with the broad essence of the draft- no comments.

1. **We would also appreciate your vision on policies, programmes and investment that might help translate such commitments into action.**
* Earmarking certain portion of CSR funds specifically for addressing the nutritional aspects may be made mandatory by State legislation.
* Monitoring indicators and measuring tools for resource use is a must.