**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.**

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

We recommend adding the underlined portion to paragraph 10c:

“over two billion people suffer from micronutrient deficiencies such as of vitamin A, iodine, iron and zinc; *these deficiencies are often caused by easily-preventable and treatable diseases such as helminth infections and schistosomiasis, particularly in pregnant women and children.*”

References:

World Health Organization. Micronutrient deficiencies: Iron-deficiency anemia, Retrieved May 16, 2014: <http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/ida/en/>

Hotez PJ (2009) Empowering Women and Improving Female Reproductive Health through Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases. PLoS Negl Trop Dis 3(11): e559.

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

**Update commitment (c) with underlined:**

“take leadership to shape and manage food systems and improve nutrition by strengthening institutional capacity, ensuring adequate resourcing, addressing key health determinants such as parasitic diseases and coordinating effectively across sectors;”

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