Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

Topic note

# Invitation to comment on the revised draft of the political outcome document of the ICN2

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in cooperation with IFAD, IFPRI, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, WTO, WFP and the High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis (HLTF), are jointly organizing the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), a high-level conference at FAO Headquarters, Rome, from 19 to 21 November 2014. More information is available at: www.fao.org/ICN2.

Two documents are expected to come out of the ICN2 - a political outcome document and a framework of action for its implementation.

On the basis of the discussions at the meetings of the ICN2 Joint Working Group (JWG) and of the comments received on the zero draft political outcome document through the public online consultation, **a new shorter, more concise and more coherent Draft of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition** has been prepared by the Co-Chairs of the JWG with the assistance of the joint Secretariats of FAO and WHO and is available in the six UN languages.

We now invite you to provide your comments on the new draft version of the document, focusing on the set of questions formulated below and also available in a template form.

This new open consultation, which will start on May 14th 2014 and end on May 28th 2014, is an opportunity to receive inputs from different stakeholders. These contributions will be then compiled by the Joint ICN2 Secretariat and transmitted to the JWG formal meeting on June 13th 2014.

We kindly thank you in advance for providing your comments and for sharing your knowledge and experiences with us.
We look forward to receiving your contributions.

FAO/WHO Joint Secretariat

**Questions:**

1. **General comments on the Draft of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.**

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

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

4. **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;

   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;

   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;

   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;

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

   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.

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