



Launch of the HLPE Report

Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock?

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Closing statement

I would like to thank you all for the high quality interventions this morning and I would like to warmly thank the HLPE Steering Committee and Project Team, and particularly Dr Patrick Caron and Dr Wilfrid Legg, for their impressive work on this critical and complex topic of *Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock?*

I'm sure that this report will not extinct all the controversies among us and even will raise further questions that could be dealt with in future HLPE reports. A lot of issues raised in this report should be dealt with in more details in the forthcoming report on Nutrition and food systems: sustainable consumption, links between meat consumption and health, changing diets, and their impacts on agriculture and food systems, food safety along the food supply chain. These will be a challenge for the team working on this future report and I want to thank them in advance for their involvement in this work.

The report also raises further issues for future HLPE reports for CFS reflection: crop sectors, the role of information and communication technologies in innovation, innovative practices for food security and nutrition, urbanization and rural transformation that appear in this report as a major driver of change for agriculture and food systems.

However, even if this report does not cover all the issues, it provides in my perspective, a useful, relevant and effective common language and paves the way for fruitful political discussions among us.

I'm convinced it can be used as a reference document not only within CFS but also on the ground at national level, by the academic community and by political decision-makers. Therefore, I would like to invite each of you to help us disseminate this High Level Panel of Experts' report, and its main findings, in your respective networks, so as to increase the impact of CFS work and products.

It is now time for us to begin the digestion of this report and to begin our collective work on policy recommendations in the perspective of the next Plenary Session. I thank again Mr. Yaya Olaniran who accepted to be the Rapporteur for this report. And I also thank all those who will be involved in this summer and in September in the preliminary negotiations to prepare the policy recommendations that will have to be endorsed in the Plenary.

Thank you, all of you, for your participation, for coming and see you in the negotiations!

Thank you very much Dr Caron and Dr Legg.