

## **PSM Plenary Session – CFS MYPoW 2020-2023**

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Mr. Chair,

When CFS Plenary took the decision to develop a 4-year programme of work it did so to ensure that CFS could focus its energies on developing policy convergence products that could meet the challenges of attaining the SDGs and transforming food systems.

As we move into the final two years of the agreed MYPoW, PSM believes that the agreed workstreams remain key aspects of food security and nutrition but also well represent key perspectives of food systems transformation. We therefore suggest that the agreed workstreams provide an already established basis for the next steps of the implementation of the Summit and, in fact, represent areas that need more attention.

The data collection and analysis workstream, which underpins much of the ongoing work in digital sustainable agricultural systems highlights the need for better data and information to make better farm-level, investment and policy decisions that are based on up to date and relevant evidence. This cross-cutting workstream is essential.

The MYPoW workstream focusing on gender equality and women's empowerment remains crucial and PSM has actively engaged in the ongoing regional consultations. When women and girls can earn their own income, as we realize from our knowledge at country level, that's then

invested in their families, family needs, farming and non-farming activities, we see a key driver for rural and agricultural development. This approach is also central to the work on youth and the one thing that underpins any discussion about those underrepresented groups is the importance that their voices are heard. CFS should make sure that it is not talking about youth and women but WITH youth and women.

Chair, my name is Katrijn Otten of Cargill and thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of PSM.