

Remarks by Ireland, Denmark Norway

Focus Area 2 – Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security & Nutrition

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We support a goal on food and nutrition security. The text in Focus Area 2 is a good basis for further discussion. We should, however, address hunger and food and nutrition insecurity more widely than only agriculture. We would like to make the following points:

1. We welcome the explicit reference to the right to adequate food, and support a target on access to affordable, adequate, safe and nutritious food for all.
2. We strongly support the inclusion of a target on malnutrition and stunting, in particular, but not only, for children. We would welcome explicit reference to *maternal* as well as child malnutrition and stunting.
3. Any area for action on increasing productivity in food production should focus on:
 - small food producers' access to inputs, knowledge and services, in particular women and indigenous peoples ,
 - *sustainable, diverse*, resilient and climate smart food production,
 - the *nutritious quality* of food produced.
4. More efficient post-production food systems that reduce the global rate of food loss and waste is essential.
5. We must focus not only on agriculture and a food based approach to improving food & nutrition security, important as that is, but also on *other determinants of food and nutrition insecurity*, in coherence with the *global nutrition targets* agreed by the World Health Assembly, *either* in focus area 2 or 3 on health.
6. We also welcome the coordination between the Rome-Based Agencies on the development of an agreed set of targets on food and nutrition security.