Introduction to the Zero Draft of the World Food Forum Youth Action Documents

The Youth Action Assembly aims at providing a dedicated, apolitical, sustained, self-organized, and institutional space for youth in agri-food systems advocacy and action founded on inclusivity, diversity and respect of all persons.

YOUTH ACTION COMPRENDIUM

GOAL: Analytically summarize youth calls to action to Members and Partners around agri-food systems topics and map them according to the Four Better of the FAO Strategic Framework which is fundamentally anchored in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Additionally, this document also provides priority actions that youth have committed to and can commit themselves to.

YOUTH ASK MEMBERS AND PARTNERS TO...

Consider food as a public good and basic human right and organize agri-food systems around the principles of food security and towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Shift towards more nutrient-rich, healthy diets while recognizing socio-cultural and economic contexts.
- Support smallholder, family, indigenous peoples, and youth-farmers to grow healthy and nutritious food and to allow them to realize their agencies in agri-food systems through access to resources.
- Take action to maintain, revitalize and protect terrestrial and marine areas as well as traditional indigenous and local knowledge based on currently available information, data and practices, while looking for new inclusive and sustainable technologies that are accessible to all.

YOUTH MECHANISM

GOAL: Coordinate and facilitate youth engagement, while fostering partnerships for action, in the context of the World Food Forum (WFF).

ASSEMBLY: Universal constituency structure composed of either youth-led and youth-serving organizations and/or youth branches of existing organizations, as well as individual youth advocates (under the age of 35).

FOCAL POINTS GROUP: Body that guides the strategic direction of the WFF Youth Mechanism as mandated by the Assembly.

CO-CHAIRS OF THE FOCAL POINTS GROUP: Facilitate the work of Focal Points Group.

OPEN-ENDED PARTNERS WORKING GROUP: Multiplier group and an open network for joint action.

THE YOUTH ACTION COMPRENDIUM LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE MECHANISM TO GATHER ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS ON THE FOUR BETTERs AND THUS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGs. IT IS ALSO SHAPED BY THE PRIORITIES WITHIN THE MECHANISM.

ACTION PLAN

FIVE GOALS

- Reach equal representation from all regions in the world.
- Make membership and partnership easily accessible to all youth.
- Ensure that youth priorities will be WFF priorities.
- Increase youth representation, partnership and impact in agri-food systems processes, including in CFS Conferences of the Parties (COPs).
- Expand, support and sustain grassroots initiatives and partnership.

VISION

- WFF is a key leader in achieving equitable food distribution and climate action.
- WFF empowers youths around the world, from the grassroots to the policy levels.
- WFF works as an independent youth-organized platform in agri-food systems.
- WFF serves as an open space for all agri-food systems stakeholders to engage, including women, smallholder farmers, indigenous groups and marginalized communities.
- WFF acts as an educational platform that enables knowledge-sharing.

YOUTH CAN AT ANY MOMENT PROVIDE THEIR FEEDBACK AND INPUT ON THE DOCUMENTS.