

International Coalition on Advocacy on Nutrition
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DG, honourable delegates and colleagues, WaterAid, supported by the International Coalition for Advocacy on Nutrition, welcomes the report by WHO and FAO on the follow up actions of ICN2 and the work programme for the Decade of Action on Nutrition. We recognise the progress made to date by Member States and UN agencies towards achieving the objectives set within this Decade, and urge for further actionable and accountable commitments to meet this ambitious agenda.

ICAN believes that a comprehensive multi-sectoral response is needed sooner rather than later to tackle all forms of malnutrition, and promote progress towards Global goals including but not limited to Goals 2 and 3. For this reason all 60 ICN2 recommendations from the Framework for Action must be tracked and reported in progress reports, including 'nutrition-sensitive' sectors such as health, agriculture, and water, sanitation and hygiene.

We call on Member States to prioritise the following areas:

- Increase domestic and international financing for nutrition
- Implement multi-sectoral approaches to address all forms of malnutrition with a focus on reaching the poorest and most vulnerable
- Establish national targets on nutrition, aligned with the six global World Health Assembly nutrition targets
- Put in place mechanisms to engage civil society in planning and implementing nutrition actions; utilising existing coalitions and alliances at global and national levels
- Make SMART commitments, which can be tracked through a transparent process to ensure accountability of all stakeholders and sectors
- Integrate the SDGs and the Leave No One Behind Pledge, prioritising reaching the furthest behind first

We stand ready to support Member States and UN agencies in their efforts to deliver the Decade of Action on nutrition, and reach the global nutrition targets through well planned and implemented, adequately financed, and accountable national plans and action.