



UNEP: Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the CPR of 21 January 2021

Statements by Switzerland

Agenda Item 2. Briefing on the preparations for the Food System Summit 2021

Switzerland is fully committed to the 2021 Food Systems Summit Process. Two months ago, Switzerland co-organized the 3rd global conference of the One Planet network's Sustainable Food Systems Programme, together with Costa Rica, WWF, and with the participation of you, Madame Special Envoy, UNEP, FAO and several other key players in the area of food systems, including the Chairs or co-chairs of all five Food Systems Summit Action Tracks, as well as the Chair of the Summit's Scientific Group. In the context of this conference, you, Madame Special Envoy, Costa Rica, Switzerland and WWF also co-convened the 1st global Food Systems Summit Dialogue.

The conference produced a substantial outcome document with a series of recommendations for the 2021 Food Systems Summit. These recommendations highlight the role of multi-stakeholder engagement, holistic policies, scientific underpinning, investments, consumer behavior, and public procurement in promoting the transformation towards sustainable food systems.

Switzerland encourages all food systems actors to make use of these recommendations and to share the document widely.

We would welcome if it could be shared with the CPR with the report of this meeting.

[outcome document 3rd global sfsp conference sfsp final 3dec2020.pdf \(oneplanetnetwork.org\)](#)

Agenda Item 3. Annual report for UNEP's Private Sector Engagement

Switzerland welcomes this report and the transparency shown by UNEP. In our understanding, it is the first time that the Secretariat has prepared such a detailed report. This helps the CPR to exercise its oversight function on the Secretariat's work.

Switzerland believes that this kind of very detailed report required a lot of resources from the Secretariat and we think that it is important to keep the reporting process reasonable and manageable for both the Secretariat and Member States.

Allow me to make an analogy to the reporting on the UNEA resolutions. Member States do not need to know all the details but through the new portal and a traffic light approach they need to know whether the implementation is on track. We would also prefer to have a more concise reporting on the many engagements with the private

sector. Using the financial volume as one possible indicator for the aggregation may help. Although that's certainly not the only indicator.

Most importantly, Member States need to be able to check if robust due diligence processes are in place. In case this holds true, there is no immediate need to look into the project-level engagement of UNEP with the private sector as detailed in this document. In terms of due diligence, we welcome the fact that the Private Sector Unit was moved to Corporate Services.

We noted that under the previous ED there was a "fast track" option for the engagement with the private sector vis-à-vis the process for all other engagement. Is it correct that this fast track option has been reverted back and that now, all engagements again go through the "project approval committee"?

This report focuses on UNEP's Engagement with the private sector. The private sector is vital, yet it is not the only type of stakeholder engagement of UNEP. In this light, we would welcome a more inclusive reporting targeting all major groups and stakeholders alike.