

High Level Plenary Statement

Farmers' Constituency applaud negotiators and national delegations in the negotiation of the NUA, for the noble job done to the NUA which will be adopted today. We, speak as the majority of farmers, worldwide, and appreciate being a part of the process through the GAP

In the Call for Action smallholder farmers and fishers are named among sub-populations, which require particular attention to address specific challenges considering that small farmers represent 70% of all farmers. Thus, in the very first four out of twenty-two pages and 164 paragraphs of the NUA we now have language that makes integral the linkages between smallholder farmers and fishers to food security and nutrition in integrated territorial development across urban and rural areas. The following sections of the NUA take these priorities (among the many others) to the level of specific commitments, including the nexus of issues such as food, water, energy, waste, etc., support for integrated governance mechanisms, balanced urban rural spatial planning and financial support. These are the levels of specificity that numerous expert meetings and briefing events, issue and policy papers, brought to national delegations in the negotiation of the NUA.

The New Urban Agenda also promotes Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development in the face of climate change and disasters of all kinds, specific urban and rural natural resources essential to functioning urban and territorial ecosystems are detailed in an effort to integrate planning for land, open spaces, waterways and coastal areas, energy, food and forests and waste with an emphasis on local provision of good and basic services including food

We as Farmers stand committed to participate in consultations at all levels, ensuring that the issue of land be considered as a fundamental source on which farmers rely to deliver diversified crops and which will answer to the varied sophisticated diets of the city. We are recommending that the implementation process is decentralized, especially at national level, so that Farmers and local constituents national delegations in the negotiation of the NUA are not left behind in decision making and policies.