

# Living Income Summit

## Outcome statement

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**We, the participants to this summit, stakeholders from public and private sectors, farmer organisations and farmers, NGOs, financiers, knowledge institutes, from producing to consuming countries recognize the need to act to close the living income gaps of smallholder farming households.**

For more information check the Summit's [website](#)

# We acknowledge that:

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The **majority of smallholder farming households** that produce the world's food and other **agro-commodities live in poverty** due to multiple factors and this chronic poverty is likely to increase during the current global food crisis;



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The ability for smallholder farming families to earn a living income and sustain a decent standard of living is at the **heart of our shared interest and a minimum target to achieve**. The lack of living income is both a **human rights** issue and a **threat to supply chain resilience** that is **intertwined with wider social, environmental and economic requirements**;



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Household incomes are influenced by **multiple drivers** (e.g. related to land, volumes produced, farm gate price, cost of production, income diversification). There is a **need for different smart mixes of solutions** to enable different types of farming households to close the gap to living income.



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**Male and female** farmers are **entrepreneurs** who manage family businesses. To lift themselves out of poverty, they require:

- a stable, reliable enabling environment from their governments;
- fair business practices from industry,
- their own voice and negotiating power



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Global agricultural value chains are made up of **interdependent stakeholders**, and (pre-competitive) collaboration is needed to make meaningful impact at scale. Achievement of living incomes for households **is a shared responsibility among all stakeholders**.



# This implies:

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There is an **urgent need for time bound action plans** to **understand and close** the living income gap, both individually per organization and pre-competitively per commodity and **we each have a role to play** from our position in the value chain;



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We need to **improve the enabling environment**, promote and facilitate an even playing field, incentives for responsible and equitable trade and investment.



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We need to address the issues of **inequitable value distribution** and **risk distribution**, as well as **value creation** to significantly increase income at household level; This requires a purposeful, value-driven and pragmatic approach.



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We are committed to (i) **further co-create multistakeholder Frameworks** as initiated in this meeting, together with all interested parties and for the public domain, for guidance for collaborative action, sharing our learnings and information, and to (ii) **enable accountability by reporting** on our actions and results, which includes finding uniform ways to **calculate and monitor** income and progress.



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We need to aim at developing **trade that goes beyond commodities and supports long term sustainability**: that prioritizes long term relationships and shared value, traceability, transparency and sustainable production to be able to identify and close living income gaps; this includes changing purchasing practices to both better manage farmer risk and increase their remuneration.



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