

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. UNIDO hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.
3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.
4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.*
5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family

farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.

6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.
7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance's reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.
8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Knowledge support commitments

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Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

UNIDO informs its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types, referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments:

1) Infrastructure development in under-privileged areas and market infrastructure development: Through its Integrated Agro Industrial Parks (IAIP) Programme, UNIDO supports the structural transformation in low-income countries through the development of rural infrastructure, including integrated agro-industry parks and rural transformation centers, which connect smallholder farmers with processing companies and regional and international markets. This programme increases opportunities and wages for smallholder farmers, creates jobs beyond subsistence agriculture, and supports the efforts to combat food insecurity, particularly in less developed rural areas.

2) Inclusive value addition and processing: with its Special Agro-Processing Zones (SAPZ) programme, UNIDO supports local value addition and therefore increased wages and job opportunities in higher value-added sectors beyond subsistence farming. The SAPZs connect rural and urban development through the zone's ecosystems. These zones integrate smallholder farmers into value chains through logistics and infrastructure, linking them to agro-industrial processors and consumer markets. These programmes also contribute to food security by increasing local agricultural production and resilience, especially in countries highly dependent on importing agricultural commodities and food products.

3) Promoting short value chains: UNIDO will support countries in further developing and increasing the performance of agri-food value chains to ensure that nutritious food products of high-quality reach local communities, and that the food losses are minimized. This will contribute to increasing the availability and quality of food as well as creating much needed formal off-farm job opportunities along the value chains. In partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), UNIDO aims to upgrade food-processing systems in ten countries across West Africa and increase local sourcing of emergency food.

4) Training and skills upgrading: UNIDO offers support to countries looking to create productive and inclusive employment opportunities in the industrial sector and to strengthen the local workforce's skills and therefore increase wages and improved livelihoods through formalized vocational training initiatives. Hereby UNIDO places special attention on supporting women, youth and disadvantaged groups. UNIDO's Public Private Development Partnership (PPDP) model is recognized as an efficient aid modality to increase private sector engagement and investment in TVET governance and delivery, address countries' industrial skills mismatch and overcoming investment barriers. UNIDO's private sector engagement approaches aim to catalyze action by private businesses to participate as providers of knowledge, technological and financial solutions to development challenges.

These approaches demonstrate the connection between productive infrastructure, structural transformation, innovation, value adding employment and income generation in the agri-business and rural space, thus contributing directly to SDG 9 on Infrastructure, Industry and Innovation, as well as others prioritized by the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty.

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

- 1) Promoting supporting sustainable supply chains so that developing country producers get a fair deal and scarce resources are preserved, by addressing social and environmental considerations throughout project activities, labor standards, welfare and safety of workers and the prevention of child labor.
- 2) Promote and support industrial decarbonization, energy efficiency and circular economy practices to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a just transition where no countries and communities are left behind.
- 3) Ending hunger by cutting post-harvest losses, developing agribusiness value chains and elevating infrastructure development in under-privileged areas.
- 4) Cutting across these priorities are technology and knowledge transfer, digitalization, investment promotion, training and skills, the circular economy, and women's economic empowerment.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.