

Principles of inclusion in advancing living income

We emphasize the principles of inclusion and shared responsibility in advancing living income. We must work together to ensure that the following commitments drive our collective action on living income with smallholder farmers:

1. **Champion the Essential Role of Farmers in Global Sustainability and Resilience:** We must prioritise the livelihoods and well-being of farmers worldwide as they are fundamental to the future sustainability and resilience of our global food, agriculture, and trade system.
2. **Invest Together in Farmers' Livelihoods:** The ability for farmers to earn a decent standard of living is critical in the transition to a resilient and regenerative food and farming system. Industry has an important leadership role to play in market access, procurement practices that support a more stable positive return for farmers, and the provision of services that enable farmers to invest and improve. The public sector also has a role in the provision of services, infrastructure, financing, and policies that create an enabling environment for farmers to thrive.
3. **Leverage Legislation to Benefit Smallholder Farmers:** Farmers should benefit from recent legislation (EUDR, CSDDD). Tailored support should be provided, and implementation guidelines designed to support that end, in order to avoid unintended negative consequences.
4. **Commit to Long-term Due Diligence Practices:** Uphold the principle of long-term relationships and commitments in due diligence practices. The binding laws shall not be used as a pretext or precautionary measure to switch sourcing.
5. **Manage and Measure Living Income Commitments with Inclusivity:** Commitments to Living income should not be a reason to shift sourcing from origins or supply chains with high levels of poverty. We need to use metrics that recognise progress in raising incomes, even if agricultural limitations prevent some families from reaching the living income threshold solely through farming. Simply measuring success by whether farmers reach a living income risks incentivising the movement away from smaller and vulnerable farmers.

Together, let's take bold actions to transform these commitments into reality, harness the potential in the aspirational idea of living income, and driving meaningful progress for smallholder farmers globally.

Join us to action these principles. Reach out to us at

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