COALITION BUILDING TO STRENGTHEN LINKS BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTHY DIETS: PROPOSED PROCESS & POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Open Call on WHO & OHCHR

Coalition building & strategy development
Consultation & Advocacy
Informal consultation to identify key stakeholders and allies (including civil society leaders, NGOs, academics, governments) to develop strategy for strengthening links between human rights and healthy diets, and to advocate for International WHO/OHCHR guidelines on Human Rights, Healthy Diets & Sustainable Food Systems

Formal mandate
Mandate to develop International Guidelines on Human Rights, Healthy Diets & Sustainable Food Systems
Support of governments is reflected in resolutions of Human Rights Council, World Health Assembly, ECOSOC, UN General Assembly and/or other inter-governmental bodies

Output
WHO & OHCHR consultative process to inform Expert Group
WHO/OHCHR issue International Guidelines
International Guidelines on Human Rights, Healthy Diets & Sustainable Food Systems tabled in the World Health Assembly and Human Rights Council

Guideline development
Joint WHO/OHCHR consultation process to support development of International Guidelines on Human Rights, Healthy Diets & Sustainable Food Systems in order to clarify State obligations. Includes consultations with UN member States, other relevant UN agencies and IGOs, and civil society organisations, as appropriate

Joint WHO/OHCHR announcement
WHO & OHCHR convene Expert Group
Expert Group established to develop International Guidelines on Human Rights, Healthy Diets & Sustainable Food Systems. Group comprises public health, human rights law experts, UN member states, civil society organisations, UNDP, FAO, and other relevant UN organisations

Potential near-term outcomes
Guidelines inform:
- General comments by human rights treaty monitoring bodies (e.g., Committee on the Rights of the Child, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights);
- Evaluation of country reports under the Universal Periodic Review process;
- Resolutions of the World Health Assembly, Human Rights Council, and other relevant bodies;
- Political Declaration of UNGA High-Level Meetings (e.g., health 2023, NCDs 2025)

Impact
Accelerate progress across Agenda 2030 and particularly SDG 2 and SDG 3
Guidelines foster State accountability for healthy diets
Exploration of international agreements on healthy diets and/or global health