

Call to Action on Food Loss & Waste Delivered to the Presidency and Climate High-Level Champion for COP31

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We, a consortium of international non-governmental organizations committed to addressing food loss and waste globally, express our appreciation to the COP31 Presidency and Climate High-Level Champion, working in partnership with the Zero Waste Foundation, for making zero waste and specifically food waste a top priority on the road to COP31.

Reducing food loss and waste offers one of the most immediate, cost-effective and impactful opportunities to strengthen food security and address hunger, while reducing waste, methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting resilient communities.

Recognizing the importance of implementing food waste solutions, we urge global leaders to translate their strong signals of intent into meaningful action. Progress in this area will reduce waste and support the circular economy and efficient use of resources, while also bringing tangible benefits for the climate.

We express our support to the COP31 Presidency and Climate High-Level Champion and call for COP31 to deliver the following actions:

- 1. Formally recognize the urgency and opportunity of advancing food loss and waste reductions as a climate solution, aligned with the priority focus on Zero Waste and Food Security at COP31, and beyond.*
- 2. Translate existing global and national commitments on food and waste into concrete policies and implementation road maps backed by political will, on the basis of available science, good policy practices, and solid monitoring and evaluation frameworks.*
- 3. Unlock financial flows necessary to accelerate reductions in food waste, improve food security, cut methane emissions, and build resilient communities. These financial resources must reach national and sub-national actors that are delivering progress on the ground.*

The above actions are consistent with the Global Action Drive's previous [Call to Action](#) delivered ahead of COP30, for national governments to integrate food loss and waste into their national strategies in support of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Building on the outcomes from COP30, we also call for continued support for the Plans to Accelerate Solutions (PAS) under the COP30 Action Agenda, in particular ***Advancing Food Security and Nutrition through Food Recovery and Food Loss & Waste Reduction*** (Axis 3; KO10).

As a group of leading non-governmental organizations with global reach and in-country networks, we will continue to support this agenda by providing technical expertise and reporting tools, building coalitions, and driving meaningful solutions across sectors and geographies to help transition the food system to be more resilient, more efficient, and more equitable.

Together, we share a vision of a world with zero food waste that improves food security, reduces emissions and creates a stronger, healthy and more sustainable future for all people.

Signed by the following organizations:

- Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP)
- Ambition Loop
- Global FoodBanking Network
- ReFED
- World Resources Institute
- WRAP
- WWF