



National Food Policy Advisory Council

Election 2019

Our Ask: Commit to creating a National Food Advisory Policy Council to oversee the new Food Policy for Canada with a multi-stakeholder governance model comprised of government, industry, civil society, and academia.

BACKGROUND

- The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food has been tasked with developing a Food Policy for Canada.
- CPMA strongly supports this Mandate Letter commitment and has been active on this file since the launch of consultations in Summer 2017.
- In June 2019, the Government announced the creation of a National Food Policy Advisory Council to oversee the governance of the Food Policy for Canada.

ACTION REQUIRED

- CPMA strongly urges all parties to support the establishment of a National Food Policy Advisory Council, comprised of government, industry, civil society, and academia, to oversee the governance of the new Food Policy for Canada and provide advice to government on issues relating to food.
- A National Food Policy Advisory Council is essential to ensure good governance of the Food Policy and to represent all actors in the Canadian food system.
- A National Food Policy Advisory Council will also allow for the continuity of the Food

Policy regardless of which party is in government.

- Furthermore, the National Food Advisory Policy Council is a unique forum to break down government silos and bring multiple government departments to the table to discuss pressing issues facing the food system in Canada.
- A whole-of-government approach to food is encouraged and is vital to the success of the Food Policy.