

## **ECO-REGIONS DECLARATION**

### **CONSIDERING THAT**

The first Eco-regions World Congress held in Idanha a Nova, with the participation of territories from different parts of the world, engaged in the development of sustainable local food systems and healthy diets.

The different experiences have shown that the integrated, multidimensional, participatory, inclusive and international territorial approach of the Eco-regions is able to contribute to achieving the SDGs.

It emerged the need to support policies at local, national and international, favoring local sustainable food systems, reinforcing the strategic role of local administrations.

### **WE ARE COMMITTED TO:**

build a worldwide Eco-Regions Development Cooperation System,

establish constructive, effective and stable partnerships between the networks representing the eco-regions, the SIPAMs, the International Organizations of the U.N. system, in particular FAO, the public actors and the civil society,

carry out pilot programs in CPLP Countries, supported by appropriate integrated training, education guidance, information and communication actions,

ensure that rural communities have a clear foresight of the challenges that lie ahead, so they can guarantee agricultural research, innovation, investment and policy are relevant to their needs.