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PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (GSF)

Matters requiring attention by the Committee

The Committee reiterated that the main added value of the Global Strategic Framework (GSF) is to provide an overarching framework to improve policy convergence and coordination and guide synchronized action by a wide range of stakeholders with practical guidance and core recommendations on food security and nutrition issues.

The Committee:

- a) endorsed the process for updating the GSF as outlined in document CFS 2013/40/5 Rev.1.
- b) endorsed the Second Version of the GSF (2013) that includes the policy recommendations for Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition and Food Security and Climate Change that were endorsed at CFS 39 in 2012 and encouraged all stakeholders to promote and make use of the Second Version of the GSF (2013) acknowledging its voluntary nature.
- c) agreed that the statistical figures included in Section 1 of the GSF should be updated annually to be in line with those of the SOFI reports.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In endorsing the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF), CFS 39 also agreed to conduct a regular updating of the document. The updating of the GSF is in line with the original intention that the GSF be a single, living document that takes into consideration new developments and changing priorities in the area of food security and nutrition.

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II. REQUIREMENTS FOR UPDATING

2. It is worthwhile considering the structure of the GSF, given that updating requirements are linked to the differing nature of information contained in the chapters of the document. It is recalled that the GSF covers the following chapters: (i) Introduction and Background; (ii) The Root Causes of Hunger, Lessons Learned and Emerging Challenges; (iii) The Foundations and Overarching Frameworks; (iv) Policy, Programme, and Other Recommendations (mainly CFS decisions); (v) Uniting and Organizing to Fight Hunger, and (vi) Issues that May Require Further Attention.

3. The process for updating the GSF should be simple and avoid a lengthy renegotiation of text, all while providing the opportunity to periodically adapt it to changing priorities and context. A simple and direct updating modality could be considered for some parts of the document, where a text has been previously agreed within the CFS, such as new policy recommendations endorsed by the annual CFS plenary session. However, updating other sections of the text, such as the overarching frameworks, emerging challenges, uniting and organizing to fight hunger, etc. may require more substantive consultations.

III. PROPOSED PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK (GSF)

4. In order to tackle the varied demands for revision of the text, it is proposed that the updating process be divided into two separate exercises, as follows:

- a) Regular annual updating of the GSF: This would entail incorporation of the policy decisions from the CFS annual plenary, and, if required, minor non-core adjustments to sections of the text; (the latter could also include any deletions or adjustments to account for work that has already been accomplished by the CFS). In the next regular annual updating of the GSF, the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group will decide where to place the recommendations of the Policy Round Tables held during CFS Plenary Sessions;
- b) Periodic updating of the GSF: This would entail a review of the full text of the GSF and would include adjustments to the length of the text, so as to incorporate new developments in the area of food security and nutrition, especially frameworks and recommendations from other fora. This process is likely to require more substantive consultations since it will deal with text which has not been discussed and agreed beforehand. The first periodic update is proposed for endorsement in 2016, subject to available resources. All interested CFS stakeholders are encouraged to provide contributions to this process.

IV. ARRANGEMENTS FOR UPDATING THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK (GSF)

5. In terms of arrangements, it is proposed that the regular updating process be handled by the CFS Bureau, in close collaboration with the CFS Secretariat and in consultation with the Advisory Group. For the periodic updating, the CFS Bureau may decide to propose modalities for its revision and to re-establish the Open-ended Working Group on the GSF to oversee the process, taking into account the CFS Programme of Work and Priorities, the outcome of the OEWG on Monitoring as well as available resources. All updated versions of the GSF would be presented to the CFS Plenary for endorsement.