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CFS 42

CFS 42 Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable now online

The 42nd Session of CFS is from 11 – 14 October 2015 at FAO HQ in Rome. Highlights include a policy roundtable on “Water for Food Security and Nutrition” (see below for more) and the participation of Mrs Mary Robinson, the former President of Ireland and a member of the Elders group, as the keynote speaker for “Food Security and nutrition in the Post 2015 Development Agenda: Goals, Action and Outcomes”.

There will be an opportunity to discuss expectations of the contribution CFS can make to nutrition following the Second International Conference on Nutrition in 2014 and how CFS can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals that will be endorsed this September. A presentation will be made on the State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI 2015) which focuses on performance towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

There will also be two Special Events – one on “building knowledge, skills and talent development of youth” and the other on “resilience building for sustainable food security and nutrition”.

Find out more in the draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable which are available in English on the CFS 42 web page. Other languages will be added shortly.

www.fao.org/cfs/cfs42

CFS 42: Call for Side Events and requests for space in the Information Marketplace

Side Events are a popular part of the CFS session. The call for Side Events at CFS 42 is open until 5 July and the form is on the CFS 42 web page (link below). Limited space is also available in the Information Marketplace for the display of material related to food security and nutrition during CFS week. The deadline for requesting space is 5 September and the form is on the CFS 42 web page.

www.fao.org/cfs/cfs42

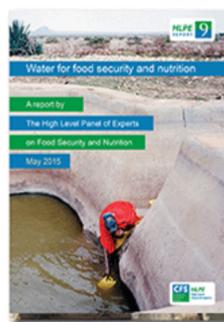
HLPE Report on Water for Food Security and Nutrition published

High Level Panel of Experts Report No 9 on “Water for Food Security and Nutrition” was launched on 15 May 2015 in Rome. This Report, and its associated Summary and Policy recommendations, will be used as the background for the policy round table at CFS 42. They can be found at this link:

www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe

The webcast of the launch is available at:

www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/3912/icode



Latest news

Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises successfully negotiated

Consensus was reached by the open-ended working group negotiating the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) during multi-stakeholder negotiations held in May. The CFS-FFA will now be presented to CFS 42 for endorsement. It presents eleven principles and outlines related actions for all stakeholders who may have a role in improving or impacting food security and nutrition in protracted crises. The Framework also addresses how to avoid exacerbating the underlying causes of food insecurity and undernutrition and how, where possible, to contribute to resolving them.



The CFS-FFA is available in English at this link. Other languages will be posted shortly.

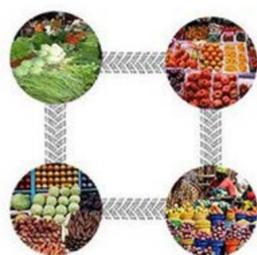
www.fao.org/cfs/ffa

Upcoming Event

CFS High Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets

25 June, 2015, Red Room, FAO HQ 9.30 – 17.00

The CFS High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets is bringing together experts to discuss issues, challenges and ways to improve the access of smallholders to markets. Panellists and delegates will be invited to engage in the discussion with a view to identifying key issues where further research and policy convergence is needed. The Forum will be moderated by the international broadcaster, Zeinab Badawi.



If you are interested in attending, send an email to cfs@fao.org with “Smallholders Forum Delegate” in the subject line. Include your name, organization and contact details in the email. The event will also be webcast and questions for the panellists can be sent by email and twitter.

The background document is available at the following link in English. Other languages will be posted shortly. Watch this link for more details on the event including the link for the webcast and sending in questions.

www.fao.org/cfs/hlfsmall

Recent Events

Kick Off Event: Promoting Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems: From Principles to Action

17 March 2015, FAO HQ

The “Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems” were approved by CFS 41 last year. In March a multi-stakeholder panel discussion chaired by the CFS Chair, Gerda Verburg, was organized to kick off outreach and awareness raising and hear from various stakeholders on how they are addressing responsible investment. The Principles and other outreach material including photos from the event are at this link:

www.fao.org/cfs/resaginv

The webcast can be watched at the following link:

www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/3899/icode



Workshop on CFS Regional Outreach for staff of FAO, IFAD & WFP

18 March, FAO HQ

As a follow up to the Principles Kick Off Event, the Secretariat invited staff from FAO, IFAD and WFP regional and country offices to brainstorm on how CFS products can be used to support them in their work. As a follow up, several activities are now being planned to increase awareness of the work of CFS.

The Near East and North Africa CFS Regional Multi-stakeholder Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition

28 – 29 April, 2015, Amman, Jordan

Building on previous food security and nutrition multi-stakeholder workshops in the region, the agenda this year focused on strengthening regional and global linkages around key food security and nutrition policy issues. Topics covered included addressing food security and nutrition in protracted crises, promoting responsible investment in agriculture and food systems, nutrition and addressing food losses and waste. The report of the workshop, background documents and presentations are at this link:

www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/cfsevents/cfsne2015



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