Committee on World Food Security

Forty-second Session

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 12-15 October 2015

Provisional Annotated Agenda

I. Organizational Matters  {For decision}

a) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
b) Membership of the Committee
c) Drafting Committee composition

Background Documents:

- CFS 2015/42/1 Provisional Annotated Agenda
- CFS 2015/42/Inf.1 Provisional Timetable

II. CFS and the Sustainable Development Goal Challenge  {For information}

a) Opening remarks by the CFS Chairperson
b) Statement by the UN Secretary-General (to be confirmed)
c) Statements by Heads of FAO, IFAD, WFP and the Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee

High level delegates attending this session will be given the opportunity to make two minute interventions relevant to the theme of CFS and the Sustainable Development Goals.
III. STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN THE WORLD 2015

{For information and discussion}

A brief presentation will be made to inform the Committee on the State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI). In the 2015 edition of SOFI which is published in the final year of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) period, the focus will be on monitoring, especially on performance toward meeting the MDGs. A short summary, read by the Chair, will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the final report.

Background Document:
- State of Food Insecurity in the World 2015

IV. POLICY CONVERGENCE

In line with the CFS role to promote policy convergence, this item seeks to provide policy guidance around key food security and nutrition issues.

a) Policy Round Table: Water for Food Security and Nutrition

The objective of this item is to hold inclusive and evidence-based debates, with the objective of adopting policy recommendations addressed to all stakeholders on matters related to water for food security and nutrition. The expected outcome is a set of concrete policy recommendations, adopted by the Committee. There will be two parts:

Part 1 - Discussions {For information and discussion}

Part 2 - Wrap-up of Policy Recommendations {For decision}

Background Documents:
- Annex 1 of this Document: Policy Round Table – Guidelines for Delegates
- CFS 2015/42/3  High Level Panel of Experts Report on Water for Food Security and Nutrition - Proposed Draft Decision Box

b) Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises

{For decision}

The final negotiated version of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA) will be presented for endorsement by the Committee.

Background Documents:
- CFS 2015/42/4  Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises
- CFS 2015/42/5  Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises - Draft Decision Box
V. COORDINATION AND LINKAGES WITH CFS

{For information and discussion}

The objective of this agenda item is to strengthen linkages and encourage dialogue between CFS and other food security and nutrition stakeholders at the global and regional and national levels. For each level there will be a keynote speaker who will make a brief address on the theme and then the floor will be opened for interaction. In order to allow as much time as possible for meaningful discussion, delegates are asked to keep their interventions pertinent and to the point. Formal statements are not expected during this agenda item.

The following themes will be used to guide discussions:

a) Global

Theme: Food Security and nutrition in the Post 2015 Development Agenda: Goals, Action and Outcomes

Keynote speaker: Ms Mary Robinson, President, Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice.

b) Regional

Theme: Enhancing regional food supply systems and processes to improve nutrition

Keynote speaker: Mr Marc Van Ameringen, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).

c) National

Theme: National multi-stakeholder approaches and experiences to improve nutrition

Keynote speaker: Ms Mary Mubi, Senior Principal Director in the Office of the President and Cabinet, Zimbabwe.

Background Document:

- CFS 2015/42/Inf. 12 Coordination and Linkages with CFS - Background information

VI. CFS WORKSTREAM AND ACTIVITY UPDATES

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Committee on ongoing workstreams and other CFS activities:

a) The Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition

{For decision}

The Committee will be asked to endorse the fourth version of the “Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF 2015)” that incorporates the policy recommendations on Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture for Food Security and Nutrition and The Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems as adopted at CFS 41 in 2014.
b) Outcomes of the High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets

{For information and decision}

The Committee will consider the outcomes of the High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets held in June 2015. These include:

i) A common understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing access to markets by smallholders in diverse contexts;
ii) Ways in which CFS can contribute to addressing those challenges;
iii) Broad recommendations on areas for priority action to strengthen smallholder access to markets.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2015/42/9 Outcomes of the High Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Market
- CFS 2015/42/Inf. 14 High Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets - Background Document

c) Towards a Framework for Monitoring CFS Decisions and Recommendations:

Report on the Findings of the CFS Effectiveness Survey

{For discussion and decision}

The Committee will be presented with the findings of the “CFS Effectiveness Survey” conducted in 2015, as mandated by CFS 41 in accordance with the methodological proposal set out in CFS 2014/41/11 "Towards a framework for monitoring CFS decisions and recommendations". The purpose is to inform the Committee of the perceptions of CFS stakeholders with regard to effectiveness of CFS outreach and achievement of the objectives of the CFS reform, and to guide future work on assessing CFS effectiveness.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2015/42/Inf. 13 Following Progress on Decisions and Recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

d) Multi-Year Programme of Work and Priorities

{For information and decision}

The Committee will be asked to approve the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work and Priorities (MYPoW) for 2016-2017 including the revised Guidance Note on selection and prioritization of CFS activities.
VII. CFS AND ITS ROLE IN ADVANCING NUTRITION

An opportunity will be given to discuss expectations of the contribution CFS can make to nutrition following the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). A short summary, read by the Chair, will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the final report.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

During this agenda item, updates on administrative issues will be presented to the Committee. The incoming Chair, Bureau and Alternates will be elected, the arrangements for the 2016 Session of CFS will be decided and the Final Report of the Session will be adopted.

a) Election of CFS Chair, Bureau and Alternates
b) Arrangements for the CFS October 2016 Session
c) Adoption of the Report
OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Special Events

Developing the knowledge, skills, and talent of youth to further food security and nutrition

The objective of this Special Event is to raise awareness of the challenges and lessons learned in building the capacity of youth in agriculture and food systems. The outcome will be a list of contacts that can be used to build networks of organizations addressing youth capacity development issues. A background document including case studies of initiatives to build knowledge, skills, and talent of youth is available.

Background Document:
- CFS 2015/42/Inf. 15 Developing the knowledge, skills, and talent of youth to further food security and nutrition

Resilience building for sustainable food security and nutrition

This Special Event will be an opportunity to hear a variety of perspectives on building resilience and how this relates to more sustainable food security and nutrition outcomes. The special event will gather CFS stakeholders from Member Countries, the RBAs, knowledge institutions, donors, civil society and the private sector to share experiences drawn from a number of contexts in recent years. Building resilience contributes to saving lives and the longer-term adaptation and transformation of livelihoods and food systems, particularly in places and among people subject to recurrent shocks and stresses. Resilience also provides a framework for bridging humanitarian and development approaches. Given the expected endorsement of the CFS-FFA during CFS 42, the Special Event will provide a window to discuss how the CFS-FFA could be operationalized, moving from policy to action.

Background Document:

CFS Event: Youth for Food Security and Nutrition (Y4FSN)

Idea Incubator

Youth are invited to pitch their idea/initiative which engages youth in agriculture and food systems in a one minute video outlining how their initiative will help end hunger and malnutrition. Ten young people will be selected to deliver their pitch in person to a panel comprised of experts in youth engagement, food security and nutrition including entrepreneurs, social leaders, academics, and others. Youth will receive feedback on their ideas and establish contacts with a network of actors engaged in food security and nutrition.

- Videos available on www.fao.org/cfs/videos

Side Events

Side events will be held throughout the week. Please check the Side Events Calendar and Brochure on the CFS website for further details: http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs42/.
Information Marketplace

CFS stakeholders will be invited to display materials related to the mandate of CFS. The information marketplace is located on the ground floor of FAO outside the Library.

World Food Day

World Food Day 2015 will be held on Friday 16th October and celebrated at EXPO Milan.
ANNEX 1

CFS Policy Round Table Guidelines for Delegates

1. Background documentation

A Report has been prepared by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) to inform the debate.

Two official session documents serve as background to the Plenary:

a) A draft set of proposed policy recommendations (the Decision Box proposed to the CFS Plenary for consideration) and, if required, other accompanying or cover text. This document is based on the work of a Decision Box Team, chaired by the Rapporteur and made up of interested CFS Members and of Participants designated by the Advisory Group, following the publication of the HLPE report.

b) The Executive Summary and list of recommendations of the HLPE report (reproduced verbatim).

2. Format and objectives of the Policy Round Table Session

The aim of the Session is to discuss the issues at stake in order to prepare the Draft Decision Box for adoption which will take place during the Plenary Wrap-Up Session, taking into account the views expressed during the debates.

On the podium there will be the Chair of the Policy Round Table, the HLPE presenter (designated by the Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee to present the report’s findings), and the Rapporteur. The Round Table will be opened by the Chair of the Policy Round Table who will invite the HLPE representative to presenter. The floor will then be opened for dialogue and discussion with CFS Members and Participants.

3. Reaching Consensus on the Decision Box

If required, between the Policy Round Table and the Policy Wrap-Up Session, the Rapporteur works to build consensus on the Draft Decision Box. If necessary, the Rapporteur will convene a Friends of the Rapporteur (FoR) group. The Rapporteur will decide on the modalities of the FoR group, the number of meetings and their scheduling, with due consideration of the agenda of CFS Plenary. Delegations are invited to consider appropriate participation in FoR meetings. The Rapporteur, acting neutrally and independently, will carefully follow the positions of all parties during the discussions, and exercise adequate judgment with respect to the way the discussions are conducted. During the discussion, the Rapporteur can propose text to facilitate the arrival at consensus. At CFS 42, the FoR group will need to conclude its work before 14 October 2015 in order to allow time for translation of the decision box before the Policy Wrap-Up Session on 14 October 2015.

At the end of each FoR meeting, the Rapporteur, with assistance from the CFS Secretariat, will communicate the outcomes of the meeting to the participants of the meeting, as well as to CFS Members and Participants through the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group and through FAO Regional Group Chairs. The Rapporteur also reports to the CFS Chair on the progress of the group.

4. Policy Round Table Wrap-Up Session

The Rapporteur reports to the Plenary on their work and introduces the Draft Decision Box which is also circulated in written format in the six official languages. The CFS Chair leads the Wrap-Up discussions and can request the Rapporteur to provide support during debates, as appropriate.