



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

## Forty-third Session

*"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"*

**Rome, Italy, 17-21 October 2016**

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

### CFS 43 Session Times

*The morning sessions of CFS will be from 10.00 am to 13.00 and the afternoon sessions will be from 15.00 – 18.00*

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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

{For decision}

- Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
- Membership of the Committee
- Drafting Committee Composition

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*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/1 Provisional Annotated Agenda*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf. 1 Provisional Timetable*

## II. OPENING SESSION

**{For information and discussion}**

The session will take place in two parts: the first will be opening remarks from the podium and the second a keynote address on the theme of “Sustainable Food Systems, Nutrition and Climate Change”. Delegates attending this session will be given the opportunity to make three minute interventions relevant to this theme. Priority will be given to high level delegates.

### Part 1: Opening Remarks

- a) Opening remarks by the CFS Chairperson
- b) Video message by the UN Secretary-General
- c) Statements by Heads of FAO, IFAD, WFP and the Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Steering Committee

Part 2: Keynote address on “Sustainable Food Systems, Nutrition and Climate Change”.

## III. 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) Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, including the Role of Livestock**

The objective of this item is to hold an inclusive and evidence-based debate, with the objective of adopting policy recommendations on matters related to “Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, including the Role of Livestock”.

At CFS 41 in October 2014, CFS requested the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) to prepare a report on this theme. The HLPE Report, published in July 2016, provides the scientific and evidence based input for this item. It considers the issues of sustainable agricultural development, with the aim of assessing the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of food security and nutrition, in all of its dimensions (availability, access, utilization and stability).

The report focusses particularly on the livestock component in agricultural systems, given its role as an engine for the development of the agriculture and food sector, and as a driver of major economic, social and environmental changes in food systems worldwide. It reviews trends, drivers and projections for future food demand, including animal-sourced food. It assesses sustainability challenges, threats and opportunities to agricultural development for food security and nutrition. The report also explores pathways towards sustainable crop and livestock-based systems and options for enabling and managing the transition to sustainable systems.

H.E. Yaya Olaniran has been appointed by the CFS Bureau as a Rapporteur to help build consensus on a set of policy recommendations on this topic. He has worked closely with CFS Members and Participants, with the technical support of FAO, IFAD and WFP, during negotiations in advance of CFS 43 held on 8 – 9 Sep and 12 October 2016 at FAO, Rome, Italy.

The results of the Rapporteur's work are contained in the Draft Recommendations on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? Rev 13 October 2016 (CFS 2016/43/2/Rev1), which is a background document for this item.

There will be two parts:

**Part 1 - Discussion** **{For information and discussion}**

The HLPE report, its associated Summary and Recommendations, and the Rapporteur's Proposed draft recommendations will form the basis of an interactive Plenary discussion.

**Part 2 – Adoption of Policy Recommendations** **{For decision}**

If consensus is not reached during Part 1, the Rapporteur will create a Friends of the Rapporteur group to continue to build consensus during the week, after the formal sessions (ie in the evenings). Members are encouraged to liaise with their Regional Groups, and Participants to liaise with their constituencies, to follow progress. The agreed policy recommendations will be contained in a Draft decision to be presented by the Rapporteur in the Plenary for endorsement.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/Inf. 13 Rapporteur's Note on Process and Guidelines for Delegates for Policy Convergence on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, including the Role of Livestock*
- *CFS 2016/43/2/Rev.1 Proposed Draft Recommendations on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? Rev 13 October 2016*
- *CFS 2016/43/3 Summary and Recommendations of the HLPE Report on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, What Roles for Livestock*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf. 14 HLPE Report on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, What Roles for Livestock?*

**b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets: Policy Recommendations** **{For decision}**

The majority of the 570 million farms in the world are small and most of them are operated by families. Smallholders supply 70% of overall food produced through 470 million farmers, artisan fisher folk, pastoralists, landless and indigenous people. In addition, 70% of the 1.4 billion extremely poor people live in rural areas and 75% of these rural poor are also smallholders.

In this context, strengthening access of smallholders to markets would positively contribute to food security and poverty reduction, for the farmers themselves, for the rest of the rural people and for urban populations.

Following the CFS High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets in June 2015, a decision was taken to follow-up with the preparation of a set of policy recommendations. The recommendations contribute to achieving a number of goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development by addressing key barriers and highlighting opportunities to engage and include smallholders, thereby improving overall food security and nutrition. These have been negotiated and agreed by CFS stakeholders and will be presented to the Plenary for endorsement.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/4 Draft decision - Connecting Smallholders to Markets*
- *CFS 2016/43/5 Connecting Smallholders to Markets – Recommendations*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.15 CFS 42 High-Level Forum on connecting Smallholders to Markets June 2015 Background Document*

#### IV. CFS WORKSTREAM AND ACTIVITY UPDATES

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

**a) CFS Engagement in Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
{For decision}**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals call for a radical transformation in the approach to development. This is particularly relevant for policy work on food security and nutrition, which directly impacts the achievement of many of the goals and targets of the integrated 2030 Agenda. Implementation is country-driven but all stakeholders at all levels are collectively responsible for achieving the goals and ensuring that no-one is left behind.

Since CFS 42 an Open Ended Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals has been looking at how CFS can support the advancement of the 2030 Agenda and what useful role it can play.

The resulting proposal, which will be presented to CFS 43 for endorsement, outlines how CFS, within its mandate, vision and roles, can best contribute to advancing the 2030 Agenda.

Following the endorsement of the proposal, which includes the decision for CFS to contribute to the 2017 meeting of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) held under the theme “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”, CFS members and stakeholders will be invited to discuss and issue broad guidance on the scope of the contribution of CFS. This discussion could result in a mandate from CFS Plenary to the CFS Bureau to finalize the contribution in the 2016-2017 intersessional period, based on preparatory work in the Open Ended Working Group.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/43/6 CFS Engagement in Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (including draft Decision)*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.16 Guidance Note for CFS Contribution to the 2017 United Nations High Level Political Forum*

**b) Monitoring the implementation of CFS Decisions and recommendations**

**i. Terms of Reference for Sharing Experiences and Good Practices {For decision}**

As an inclusive platform, CFS is a place to share the experience of different stakeholders when using CFS products and to highlight and share good practices as a contribution to monitoring the effectiveness of CFS. In such a multistakeholder environment it's important to hear experiences from national, regional and global levels. To that end, the Open Ended Working Group on Monitoring developed Terms of Reference for holding thematic stocktaking events on CFS products, which will be presented for endorsement.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/43/7 Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions and Recommendations Through Organizing Events at National, Regional and Global levels (including draft decision)*

**ii. Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure - Global  
Thematic Event - {For information and discussion}**

Guided by the Terms of Reference for Sharing Experiences and Good Practices (CFS 2016/43/7) developed by the Open Ended Working Group on Monitoring, the global thematic event aims at sharing experiences and taking stock of the use and application of The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT). It will contribute to monitoring progress towards VGGT implementation. It will enable an interactive multistakeholder dialogue based on the experiences and good practices documented in the contributions received from CFS stakeholders which are available on the CFS 43 web page. The lessons learned from this thematic event will be made available to CFS stakeholders.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/8 Experiences and Good Practices in the Use and Application of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure - Summary and Key Elements*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.17 Outline of the VGGT Global Thematic Event*

**c) CFS Engagement in Advancing Nutrition {For decision}**

CFS is in a position to make a significant contribution to on-going efforts to fight malnutrition in all its forms, taking into account its mandate and comparative advantages. These efforts include the implementation of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) recommendations, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Decade for Action on Nutrition agreed by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution A/70/L.42 on 28 March 2016. A proposal for CFS engagement in advancing nutrition which has been prepared by an Open Ended Working Group on Nutrition will be presented to the Plenary for endorsement.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/9 CFS Engagement in Advancing Nutrition (including draft decision)*

**d) Multi-Year Programme of Work {For decision}**

In order to help the Committee effectively identify and prioritize its future agenda and address emerging and challenging matters relevant to its mandate, an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) was established. The OEWG promotes a common understanding of the issues at stake across a broad-range of committed CFS stakeholders. The OEWG will continue its work developing a MYPoW for the biennium 2018-2019, which will be presented for endorsement at CFS 44 in 2017.

At CFS 43, the Committee is requested to make a decision on the theme and the report to be produced by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) in 2018. HLPE reports provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on specific policy-relevant issues from a food security and nutrition perspective which informs the work of the Committee.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/10 Outcomes of the Work of the Open Ended Working Group on the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work – (including draft decision)*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.18 CFS Annual Progress Report 2015-2016*

**e) Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition {For discussion and decision}**

Rapid urbanization and the transformation of rural spaces are creating challenges and opportunities for ensuring food security and nutrition. The objective of the Forum will be to reach a better understanding of the issues at stake, identify key areas of policy attention and possible roles for CFS.

The Forum's outcomes will be reviewed and analysed by CFS participants in a one-off open ended working group format and its results presented for endorsement at CFS 44 in 2017.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/11 Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Key Areas for Policy Attention and Possible Roles for CFS (including draft decision)*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.19 Agenda and Format for the Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition*

**f) The Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition {For decision}**

The Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) provides an overarching framework and reference with practical guidance for food security and nutrition strategies, policies and actions. It is addressed to decision and policy-makers by consolidating relevant recommendations that were adopted by CFS Plenaries and taking into account other existing frameworks, guidelines and processes.

The GSF is designed to be a dynamic document to be updated annually by CFS Plenary on the basis of regular CFS processes and policy debates.

The Committee is requested to endorse the fifth version of the GSF (2016) which incorporates the policy recommendations on Water for Food Security and Nutrition and reference to the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises, as endorsed at CFS 42 in 2015. The statistical figures from the State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI) 2015 are included.

The GSF is undergoing a periodic update aiming to incorporate new developments in the area of food security and nutrition, reduce its length, streamline its content and develop options for better dissemination. The results of this exercise are expected to be presented for approval at CFS 44 in 2017.

*Background Documents:*

- *CFS 2016/43/12 Draft decision - Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition*
- *CFS 2016/43/13 Fifth Version of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF 2016)*

**V. STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN THE WORLD AND THE 2030 AGENDA**

**{For information and discussion}**

As of 2017, the Rome-based agencies will recommence publishing a newly conceptualized report to replace the former State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI), focusing on monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For 2016, a stand-alone report will be produced to table the issues and challenges posed by monitoring the SDG2 (Zero Hunger) indicators. The report will be organized around three chapters focusing on: 1) an overview of the global trends for indicators relating to food security and nutrition; 2) analysis of information gaps and measurement challenges regarding the proposed indicators; and 3) the linkages between targets and goals.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/43/Inf. 20 Monitoring Food Security and Nutrition in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead*

**VI. EVALUATION OF CFS****{For information}**

The Evaluation Manager of the independent evaluation of the effectiveness of CFS Reform will make a brief presentation of progress in the evaluation, with time for questions and discussion.

**VII. OTHER MATTERS**

During this agenda item, updates on administrative issues will be presented to the Committee. The arrangements for the 2017 Session of CFS will be decided and the Final Report of the Session will be adopted.

- a) Arrangements for the CFS October 2017 Session **{For decision}**
- b) Adoption of the Final Report **{For decision}**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK:

### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Monday 17 Oct 18:00 – 19.30*

#### **Inclusive Value Chains for Sustainable Agriculture and Scaled Up Food Security and Nutrition Outcomes**

This event will provide an opportunity for a broad-based dialogue on nutrition-sensitive value chain approaches and give an insight into the progress of the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) Working Group. While there are many successful pilot approaches, a more systematic and proactive approach to replicating, adapting and expanding their impact in the broader context of inclusive and sustainable agri-food systems is needed. A number of entry points have been identified by the RBAs and partners. These include joint or coordinated capacity development activities, generation of knowledge products and guidance tools, the organisation of joint learning events linked to respective country programmes and other country led processes as well as a concerted engagement in relevant international policy fora.

This event will include the participation of the RBAs, countries, technical and financial cooperation agencies, civil society, foundations and research institutions and the private sector. Case studies, scaling up trajectories, lessons learned and good practices will be showcased and there will be an opportunity for an exchange of views on the challenges of ensuring policy coherence, institutional capacity development and operational synergies.

Opportunities for partnering while building on CFS products such as the Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure, the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis and the Global Strategic Framework will also be covered.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.21 Inclusive Value Chains for Sustainable Agriculture and Scaled Up Food Security and Nutrition Outcomes – Background Document*

*Friday 21 Oct 10:00 – 13.00*

#### **From Agreement to Action Towards Implementing the 2030 Agenda: Learning from the First Volunteer National Reviews**

Success in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will depend on the capacity of countries to adapt and implement national strategies to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The follow-up and review architecture in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will be based on both volunteer national reviews on progress across all goals and targets as well as global thematic reviews.

In this CFS multistakeholder dialogue, volunteer countries and stakeholders will be given the opportunity to describe how they are integrating their food security and nutrition strategies across the 2030 Agenda. The following questions will be used to guide the dialogue:

- 1) How are food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture considerations addressed?
- 2) Are CFS products and policy recommendations informing country efforts?
- 3) What contribution are multistakeholder platforms bringing to the design of strategies?
- 4) How are strategies “leaving no one behind”?
- 5) Are there regional or global thematic platforms that support the work?



The outcome of the Special Event will be knowledge shared about early efforts to address the 2030 Agenda at country level.

*Background Document:*

- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.22 From Agreement to Action Towards Implementing the 2030 Agenda: Learning from the First Volunteer National Reviews*
- *CFS 2016/43/Inf.23 Agenda and Format - From Agreement to Action Toward Implementing the 2030 Agenda: Learning from the First Volunteer National Reviews*

## **SIDE EVENTS**

Side events will be held throughout the week. Please check the Side Events Timetable and Side Events Guide which are available on the CFS 43 web page (<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs43/>).

## **CFS 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY EXHIBIT**

In 1974 the World Food Conference passed a resolution through the General Assembly recommending that FAO set up a Committee on World Food Security. An ad hoc consultation was convened in May 1975 after which FAO Council established CFS which held its first meeting in 1976.

The original functions of the Committee were to continually review current and prospective food stocks and supplies, make periodic evaluations of food stock levels, review the steps taken by governments to implement the outcomes of the International Undertaking on World Food Security, also endorsed by the World Food Conference in 1974, and to recommend short and long term policy actions to ensure adequate cereal supplies for minimum world food security.

2016 is the 40th birthday of CFS. An exhibit will be put on in the FAO Atrium highlighting some of the milestones of the Committee since its inception and look at how the role of the Committee has evolved over the years.

## **INFORMATION MARKETPLACE**

In the FAO Atrium, CFS stakeholders will be given the opportunity to display material related to food security and nutrition and the mandate of CFS and to interact with CFS delegates.