Executive Summary

The 46th Session of the Committee on World Food Security brings to the attention of the Council and the Conference its decisions and recommendations.

The Committee:

a) Reiterated its concern over the immense challenge posed by achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 with 820 million (about one in every nine people in the world) still suffering from hunger today;

b) In line with the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit, reaffirmed the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind by taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind first;

c) Endorsed the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023 which, through its prioritized thematic workstreams - Food systems and nutrition; Agroecological and other innovative approaches; Gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition; Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems; Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition; Data collection and analysis tools - provides a comprehensive framework for accelerating progress towards meeting SDG2 targets by 2030;

d) Recognized the broad, inclusive nature and strategic vision of the new streamlined MYPoW process resulting from the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation;

e) Noted that the implementation of the MYPoW will be contingent upon sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, in accordance with document CFS 2018/45/3;

f) In line with the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report, requested:
   i. the Bureau to approve a robust resource mobilization strategy to help support the Plenary and Workstreams, the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) and the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) to support CFS priorities as identified in the MYPoW, with clear


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safeguards, in line with FAO guidelines, to prevent potential conflict of interest regarding funding;

ii. the Secretariat to continue its efforts towards expanding and diversifying the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector and financial institutions.

\( g \) Decided to amend paragraph 1, Rule IV of the CFS Rules of Procedure (RoP), to allow the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme to participate as *ex-officio* members of the CFS Advisory Group.

**Matters requiring the attention of the Council and of the Conference**

The Council and the Conference are invited to endorse the decisions and recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security, and attention is drawn in particular to:

a) The content and conclusions of the 2019 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report (paragraphs 8-11);

b) The CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 (paragraphs 27 and 28); and,

c) Amendments to the CFS Rules of Procedure (paragraphs 32-34).

**Suggested action by Council and Conference**

The Council and the Conference are invited to endorse the Report of the 46th Session of the Committee on World Food Security.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) held its Forty-sixth Session from 14 to 18 October 2019 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. The theme of the Session was "Accelerating Progress on SDG2 to Achieve All the SDGs". The Session was attended by delegates from 114 Members of the Committee; 12 non-Member States of the Committee and by representatives from:

- 16 United Nations Agencies and Bodies;
- 172 Civil society organizations\(^1\);
- 12 International agricultural research organizations;
- 7 International and regional financial institutions;
- 115 Private sector associations\(^2\) and private philanthropic foundations; and
- 85 Observers.

2. One First Lady, 12 Ministers, 8 Vice-Ministers and 1 Undersecretary attended. The full list of Members, Participants and Observers will be available as document CFS 2019/46/Inf.5 (http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs46/en/).

\(^1\) Civil Society’s participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 141 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM.

\(^2\) This figure includes 94 associations under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).
3. The report contains the following appendices: Appendix A – Agenda of the Session; Appendix B – Membership of the Committee; Appendix C – List of Documents; Appendix D - Declaration of the Russian Federation.

4. The Committee was informed that the European Union (EU) was participating in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article II of the FAO Constitution.

5. The Session was opened by the Chairperson of the Committee, His Excellency Mario Arvelo, Dominican Republic.

6. The Committee adopted the Agenda and Timetable.

7. The Committee appointed a Drafting Committee composed of Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia and South Sudan as well as Ms Sanna-Liisa Taivalmaa of Finland as Chair of the Drafting Committee.

II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

8. Opening statements were delivered by Ms Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on behalf of Mr António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General; Ambassador Mario Arvelo, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security; Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Mr Gilbert Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP); and Mr Patrick Caron, Chairperson of the Steering Committee, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE). The statements are available as CFS Information documents at http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs46/en/

9. The Committee heard a presentation delivered by Mr Máximo Torero Cullen, Assistant Director-General of the Economic and Social Development Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), followed by statements by Members and Participants;

10. The Committee expressed its deepest concern regarding the increase in the number of hungry people in the world.


III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED

12. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Carin Smaller, Director for Agriculture, Trade and Investment at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), which included:

- A keynote speech by Ms Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food;
- A question-and-answer session with Ms Maria Francesca Spatolisano, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs;
• followed by statements by Members and Participants.

• A panel discussion with:
  o Mr Rory Jay S. Dacumos - National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) - Philippines
  o Mr Neil Briscoe - Department for International Development (DFID)- United Kingdom
  o Mr Saúl Vicente Vázquez - International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)
  o Mr Sean de Cleene – World Economic Forum

• followed by statements by Members and Participants.


IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN

14. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy), CFS Vice-Chair, which included:

• An introduction on the theme for 2019 “Rural Women and Girls Building Climate Resilience” by Ms Cornelia Richter, Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

• Two keynote speeches delivered by:
  o Ms Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights
  o Ms Fatoumata Diallo, Vice-President of the National Federation of Rural Women (FENAFER) of Mali.

• followed by questions and interventions by Members and Participants.


V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

16. For agenda item V.a, the Committee heard a session, which included:

• An update on the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines, presented by the Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition, Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland), based on document CFS 2019/46/2 “Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition”;

• A presentation by Ms Naoko Yamamoto, WHO Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage/Healthier Populations;

• A panel discussion moderated by Mr David Nabarro, Curator of the World Economic Forum’s “Food Systems Dialogues”, and comprised of:
  o Ms Bibi Giyose, Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer and Special Advisor to the CEO, New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD);
  o Ms Emorn Udomkesmalee, Associate Professor, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand;
o Ms Preeti Ahuja, Manager Latin America, Global Practice Agriculture and Food, World Bank;

- followed by statements by Members and Participants.

17. For agenda item V.b, the Committee heard a session which included:

- A presentation of document CFS 2019/46/3 “Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition” by Ms Anna Lartey, Director of the Food Systems and Nutrition Division of FAO, and Mr Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development of WHO;

- followed by statements by Members and Participants.


VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

19. The Committee heard a presentation on document CFS 2019/46/4 “Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Summary of the 2018-19 Intersessional Events” by H.E. Hans Hoogeveen of The Netherlands, followed by statements by Members and Participants;


VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA

21. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Ute Klamert, Assistant Executive Director, Partnerships and Governance Department, World Food Programme (WFP), which included:

- A keynote presentation by Mr Willem Olthof, Deputy Head of Unit, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition, DG DEVCO, European Commission.

- A panel discussion with:
  o Ms Anshu Mohan, Senior Technical Advisor, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, World Health Organization (WHO);
  o Mr Jonas Mugabe, Platform for African-European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD) manager, Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana;
  o Mr Badrul Arefin, Director General, Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU), Ministry of Food, Bangladesh;
  o Mr Kevin Marinacci, Chief Executive Officer, Fabretto Foundation, Nicaragua;
  o Ms Patti Rundall, Policy Director, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN).

- followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.

VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

23. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah, Director, Advocacy and Country Alignment, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), which included:

- An introduction of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Report on “Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition” by Mr Patrick Caron, Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee;
- A presentation of an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE Report by Mr Fergus Lloyd Sinclair, HLPE Project Team Leader;
- An Intervention by Ms Musonda Mumba, Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit at UN Environment Programme (UNEP), as a discussant of the HLPE Report;
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.


IX. MARKING THE KICK OFF OF THE UN DECADE OF FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028

25. The session, moderated by Ms Marcela Villareal, Director of Partnerships Division of FAO, included:

- A keynote speech by Ms Amarilli Villegas Cordero, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and Chairperson of the International Steering Committee of the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDFF);
- A panel discussion with:
  - Mr Sam Herodian, Senior Advisor to the Minister for Agriculture, Indonesia
  - Mr Martin Uriarte, President, World Rural Forum
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants.


X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023

27. The Committee considered document CFS 2019/46/7 “CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023”, as presented by the CFS Chair.

28. The Committee:

a) Reiterated its concern over the immense challenge posed by achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 with 820 million (about one in every nine people in the world) still suffering from hunger today;

b) In line with the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit, reaffirmed the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind by taking more tangible steps to
support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind first;
c) Endorsed the CFS MYPoW for 2020-2023 which, through its prioritized thematic workstreams - Food systems and nutrition; Agroecological and other innovative approaches; Gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition; Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems; Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition; Data collection and analysis tools - provides a comprehensive framework for accelerating progress towards meeting SDG2 targets by 2030; 
d) Recognized the broad, inclusive nature and strategic vision of the new streamlined MYPoW process resulting from the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation, as outlined in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report (CFS 2018/45/3);
e) Noted that the implementation of the MYPoW will be contingent on sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, in accordance with document CFS 2018/45/3;
f) In line with the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report, requested:

i) the Bureau to approve a robust resource mobilization strategy to help support the Plenary and Workstreams, the HLPE and the CSM to support CFS priorities as identified in the MYPoW, with clear safeguards, in line with FAO guidelines, to prevent potential conflict of interest regarding funding;
ii) the Secretariat to continue its efforts towards expanding and diversifying the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector and financial institutions.

XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SMALLHOLDERS

29. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Hlamalani Ngwenya, International Development Consultant and Lecturer at the University of Free State, South Africa, which included:

- A keynote presentation by Mr Jan Van der Ploeg, Professor Emeritus of Rural Sociology, Wageningen University.
- A Panel discussion with:
  - Mr Gilberto Correia Carvalho Silva, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Cabo Verde, and President of the Council of Food and Nutrition Security of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CONSAN-CPLP);
  - Mr Mamadou Goita, Executive Director, Institute for Research and the Promotion of Alternatives in Development (IRPAD/Afrique), Mali;
  - Ms Andrea Soraya Martinez Galarza, Secretariat of Family Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ecuador;
  - Ms Editrudith Lukanga, Co-President, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF).
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.

30. The Committee referred to three CFS Policy Recommendations:

a) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 40 in 2013;
b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets, endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016;

3 A declaration by the Russian Federation is contained in Annex D.

31. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website:

XII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Amendment to the CFS Rules of Procedure

32. The Committee considered document CFS 2019/46/8 “Amendment to paragraph 1, Rule IV of the CFS Rules of Procedure”, as presented by the CFS Chair.

33. The Committee decided to amend paragraphs 1, Rule IV, of the CFS Rules of Procedure (RoP), as follows:

34. “The Bureau shall establish an Advisory Group from among representatives of organizations allowed to participate in the proceedings of the Committee under paragraph 11 of the CFS Reform Document and paragraph 3 of Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development take part in the Advisory Group ex-officio. The members of the Advisory group shall be appointed for a term of two years. The number of members of the Advisory Group shall not exceed that of the members of the Bureau including the Chairperson, unless otherwise decided by the Committee”.

B. Arrangements for the Forty-seventh Session of CFS

35. The Committee recommended that its Forty-seventh Session be held from 12 to 16 October 2020 at FAO headquarters in Rome, as indicated on the Provisional Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies. The exact dates will be determined by the Director-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

C. Election of the Chair, Bureau Members and Alternates

36. The Committee elected by acclamation Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to FAO, IFAD and WFP, as the Chair of CFS.

37. The Committee elected by acclamation the following members of the CFS Bureau and their alternates:

- Members: Afghanistan, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, France, Indonesia, India, Mali, Mauritania, New Zealand, Russian Federation, United States
- Alternates: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Cabo Verde, Costa Rica, Iran, Oman, Senegal, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland,

D. Adoption of Final Report

38. The report was adopted on Friday, 18 October 2019.
APPENDIX A

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (for decision)
b) Membership of the Committee (for information)
c) Drafting Committee Composition (for decision).

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/1/Rev.2 - CFS 46 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.1 - CFS 46 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.2/Rev.2 - Guide to CFS 46

II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (for information and discussion)

a) Opening Statement by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 46 Session document webpage:

- The UN Secretary-General
- The CFS Chairperson
- The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
- The Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee

b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 (SOFI 2019), and any policy implications in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), followed by delegate statements.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the presentation and the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.14 - Sustainable Development Goals Summit Outcome Document: Political Declaration of Heads of State and Government (when available)

III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED (for information and discussion)

Lessons learned on how CFS, in the ten years since its reform in 2009, is contributing to the SDGs with a focus on accelerating progress, including a keynote address by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Ms Hilal Elver.
IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN (for information)

Marking the International Day of Rural Women and examining ways these women are contributing substantially to food security and nutrition.

V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (for information and discussion)

a) An update will be provided on the preparation process towards the development of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, including the next steps in the process.

b) A second progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will be made.

VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for information and discussion)

The outcomes of two intersessional CFS events on “The Food Security and Nutritional Impacts of Urbanization and Rural Transformation on Lower Income Groups” and “Promoting Youth and Women Engagement and Employment in Food Systems across the Rural-urban Continuum” will be discussed.

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/2 - Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/3 - Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

CFS 2019/46/4 - Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Summary of the 2018-19 Intersessional Events
VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA  
(for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the potential benefits and limitations of multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the Agenda 2030. The discussion will be based on an HLPE Report (2018) and concrete experiences provided by CFS stakeholders.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.15 - Overview of the CFS 46 Multistakeholder Partnerships

VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES  
(for discussion)

An opportunity for CFS stakeholders to provide feedback and input on the content of any CFS policy convergence process.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/5 - Summary and Recommendations of the HLPE Report on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.17 - HLPE (2019) on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition

IX. MARKING THE KICK OFF OF THE UN DECADE ON FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028  
(for information)

The Committee will reflect on the importance of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming and how family farmers are contributing to global food security and nutrition.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023  
(for decision)

The Committee will endorse and launch the strategic Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023 which defines its objectives, expected outcomes, ways to achieve them, and their relevance to the SDGs.
XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SMALLHOLDERS
(for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the use and application of the following CFS policy recommendations, considering the Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions, endorsed at CFS 43 (CFS 2016/43/7):

a) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 40 in 2013
b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets, endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016

XII. OTHER MATTERS

a) Amendment to the CFS Rules of Procedure (for decision)
b) Arrangements for the Forty-seventh Session of CFS (for decision)
c) Election of the Chair, Bureau Members and Alternates (for decision)
d) Adoption of Final Report (for decision)

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.20 - Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.21 - Connecting Smallholders to Markets
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APPENDIX D

The Russian Federation disassociates from consensus on the endorsement of MYPOW with the following observations. The proposed MYPOW is overambitious. It does not adequately reduce CFS workstreams to ensure manageable workload during intersessional period, as previously decided by CFS Plenary (CFS 2018/45/3), FAO Council (CL 155/REP, para 24 f) and FAO Conference (C2017/REP, papa 50 h). The draft MYPOW is unbalanced. The CFS relevant workstreams will be financed in the amount of USD 100 000 in average at best, while the budget of USD 700 000 is estimated for the thematic workstream «Gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition» - the topic, which is supposed to duplicate the work of other specialized bodies of the UN system. Going beyond the competence assigned for the UN agencies and disproportionate emphasis on the border-line issues risks to undermine the effectiveness of their work.