



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY
Thirty-seventh Session
Rome, 17-22 October 2011
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AGENDA NOTES

1. The Thirty-seventh Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will open at 14.30 hours on Monday, 17 October 2011, at FAO headquarters. Provisions have been made for the Session to continue until 13.00 hours on Saturday, 22 October.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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

II. SETTING THE STAGE FOR CFS 37

- a) Webcast opening statement by the UN Secretary General (to be confirmed)
- b) Statements by the heads of FAO, IFAD, WFP, and from the Chair of the High-Level Panel of Experts Steering Committee
- c) Highlights of the SOFI 2011: Presentation by ADG ES Hafez Ghanem.

III. VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE OF LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY

2. CFS will be invited to adopt the final version of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security. The guidelines were arrived at following an inclusive process, approved by the CFS Bureau.

IV. UPDATES ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND LINKAGES WITH CFS

3. This agenda item is intended to provide a platform for discussion to strengthen coordination and collaborative actions at the global and regional level amongst a wide variety of stakeholders.

4. Representatives of major global and regional food security and nutrition initiatives will provide a brief background on their initiative, update the Committee on latest developments and highlight linkages with CFS. Following the presentations there will be an open discussion. The global section will include such initiatives as G20, L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN), the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis (HLTF), and Report by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The regional section will include such initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's

Development (NEPAD), the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

V. POLICY ROUND TABLES

5. This session aims to support the Committee's role to promote greater policy convergence and coordination. This includes the development of international strategies and voluntary guidelines on food security and nutrition on the basis of best practices, lessons learned from local experience, inputs received from the national and regional levels, and expert advice and opinions from different stakeholders.

6. The objective of the Policy Round Tables is to arrive at concrete recommendations for consideration by the Committee. Invited panellists will present their perspectives on the topic, followed by an open discussion with a view to the formulation of actionable recommendations for approval. Key findings and recommendations from each policy round table will be presented by a Rapporteur in Plenary.

7. The session will consist of three roundtables, two of which will be held in parallel, focusing on food security and nutrition policy issues:

- a) How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive Investment in Agriculture (Parallel)
- b) Gender, Food Security and Nutrition (Parallel)
- c) Food Price Volatility

8. The back ground documents for the three round tables were prepared by the CFS Secretariat in collaboration with task teams comprised of representatives from the CFS Advisory Group. The following reports should be considered along with the background documents:

- For round table a): The HLPE report on Land Tenure and International Investment in Agriculture, the Summary and Recommendations for Policymakers (CFS:2011/4 Add.1), and the status report on the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture (RAI) (CFS:2011/Inf.16)
- For round table c): The HLPE report on Price Volatility and Food Security, the Summary and Recommendations for Policymakers (CFS:2011/3 Add.1). Reports on FAO sub-regional workshops on the response to price volatility and the G20 Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture were also taken into account.

9. The main points of the HLPE reports will be presented at the respective round tables.

VI. GLOBAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROCESSES

10. In this session the Committee will address ways to strengthen collaborative action, improve coordination and guide synchronized action among a wide ranging group of stakeholders.

11. The Committee will:

- a) Consider the process to map food security and nutrition actions at country level including the outcome of the technical consultative workshop with concerned stakeholders and a review of existing systems, tools and practices
- b) Be presented with specific country case studies highlighting experiences of mapping food security and nutrition actions
- c) Consider the progress made in putting together a Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition that will build upon existing frameworks to enable CFS to better perform its role to improve coordination and guide synchronised action by a wide range of stakeholders
- d) Consider the outcome of the round table held to review the methods to estimate the number of hungry.

VII. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CFS REFORM

12. In this session the Committee will:

- a) Consider, with a view to approval, the revised CFS Rules of Procedure, based on the CFS reform document
- b) Consider a results-based framework for CFS presented by the CFS Secretariat.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

13. In this session, the Committee will:

- a) Be updated on the implementation of decisions taken by CFS , including the workplan for the HLPE for the next year
- b) Consider a proposal for enhancing Corporate Private Sector Participation in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS:2011/Inf.15)
- c) Examine arrangements for the thirty-eighth CFS Plenary session
- d) Elect the Chair of the CFS, and agree to the new composition of the CFS Bureau for the 2012-2013 biennium.

IX. REPORT OF THE SESSION

14. Adoption of the Report of the Session.