



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Forty-seventh Session <i>"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"</i>
8-11 February 2021
GUIDE TO CFS 47

CFS - Making a difference in Food Security and Nutrition

Welcome to the Forty-seventh plenary session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS 47), to be held from **8-11 February 2021**. Rescheduled from October 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CFS 47 will be held virtually, and will seek to advance the CFS mandate and approved program of work.

CFS 47 LOGISTICS

Dates and times: Monday, 08 February – Thursday, 11 February 2021.

Morning: 09:30 - 12:30; **afternoon:** 14:30 – 17:30, Rome time.

Hosting: CFS 47 will be hosted on the ZOOM platform as a ZOOM meeting and will be open to invited participants. [FAO guidance on effective participation in Zoom meetings](#). The session will also be available via webcast for observers.

Participation and languages: CFS 47 is open to Members of the Committee, Participants and Observers, and its sessions will be conducted in all FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

High-level participation: In the event that a Member delegation will include senior-level participation such as a Minister, Vice Minister, State Secretary (or equivalent), those delegations should inform the CFS Secretariat by 29 January 2021 to be afforded priority protocol consideration on the speakers' list.

Registration for Member and Non-Member states: Diplomatic representatives designated to attend the forty-seventh session of CFS must register online using their protected password reserved for FAO Permanent Representatives at <http://permreps.fao.org/> before 29 January 2021. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the Permanent Representatives Website (PRWS).

Registration for other Stakeholders: Other participants and observers should register in advance of the meeting through <https://event-services.fao.org/cfs47> before 5 February.

More information: Please visit the [CFS 47 web page](#). Latest news, documents and updates on CFS 47 will be posted on this web page.

Timekeeping: CFS 47 provides an opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are strongly discouraged. Any delegate statements should be emailed to cfs@fao.org and to FAO Conference Services for interpreters prior to the start of the session. Statements and presentations by session speakers will be posted on the [CFS 47 web page](#) (in their original language).

Social media: Connect with us @UN_CFS and use the hashtag #CFS47 in your social media outreach. A social media toolkit will be posted on the web page.

Enquiries: Please contact the CFS Secretariat at CFS@fao.org

ANNOTATION OF THE AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The Membership of the Committee will be confirmed, the CFS 47 Agenda and Timetable will be adopted, and the Drafting Committee will be appointed.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2021/47/1/Rev.1 – CFS 47 Provisional Agenda
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.1/Rev.1 – CFS 47 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.2/Rev.1 - Guide to CFS 47 (this document)
- CFS 2021/47//Inf.4 – Current Membership List
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.13 - Guide to the preparation of the CFS 47 Final Report

II. FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION: BUILDING A GLOBAL NARRATIVE TOWARDS 2030 *(for information and discussion)*

Opening statements will be delivered by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 47 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

This session will focus on the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report #15 entitled “Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030” that is based on the analysis of food security and nutrition concepts, outcomes, drivers and critical policy directions that are vital for meeting SDG 2 targets and the entire 2030 Agenda. A Rapporteur will guide an inclusive discussion on this item, as stipulated in the CFS MYPoW (2020-2023) approved during CFS 46.

During the session, the Plenary will acknowledge the work of the HLPE on food security and nutrition, its involvement in the process of preparing the UN Food Systems Summit, and the relevance of the HLPE’s Global Narrative report in preparation of the Summit.

The conclusions of the session will be captured in a CFS Chair’s Summary, to be appended to the final CFS 47 report.

Session rollout:

- Keynote intervention delivered by Mr Martin Cole, Chairperson, HLPE Steering Committee

- Presentation of the 15th HLPE Report entitled “Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030” by Ms Jennifer Clapp, Team Leader, CFS HLPE Steering Committee
- Delegation statements

This Item will continue in the afternoon with delegation statements.

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/47/2 – Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030 – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.14 – HLPE Report entitled “Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030”
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.15 – CFS High-Level Special Event – Chair’s Summary

**III. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT: CFS FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN PROTRACTED CRISES
(for information and discussion)**

Each protracted crisis, whether prolonged or recurrent, is different, but include some combination of conflict, occupation, terrorism, man-made and natural disasters, natural resource pressures, climate change, inequalities, prevalence of poverty, and governance factors as underlying causes of food insecurity and undernutrition. These affect key dimensions of food security - availability, access, stability, and utilization - and the nutritional status of a significant number of people, and overstretch local, national and international capacities and resources, demanding policies and actions that are more effective, efficient, and take into account the three dimensions of sustainable development - economic, social, and environmental.

This CFS 47 monitoring event will take stock of the uptake of the eleven interconnected and complementary Principles of the [CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises](#) (CFS-FFA, CFS/2015/42/4) that provides practitioners with guidance to address situations of protracted crisis (or, risk thereof). The CFS-FFA Principles strive to strengthen policy coherence in line with the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security, by fostering coordination of policies and actions taken in the fields of humanitarian assistance, development and human rights.

The event is informed by the documented experiences and good practices of a broad range of stakeholders in the use and application of these principles, and will enable a multi-stakeholder dialogue that will contribute to monitoring progress in implementing the CFS-FFA at national, regional and global levels. Some 52 written submissions were received from various stakeholders and summarized in CFS 2021/47/Inf.17 “*Monitoring the use and application of*

the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) – Secretariat’s Analysis of the contributions received to inform the Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 ”. The full submissions sent by stakeholders are available on the CFS webpage. The event will also provide an opportunity to reflect on strengthening inclusive policy convergence processes.

Session rollout:

The session will have four main parts:

- Introduction by Moderator, Mr Ronald Hartman, Director of Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to outline event objectives, expected results, agenda, and background information.
- A keynote speech by Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili, former rapporteur of the CFS policy convergence process for the CFS-FFA, to discuss global environment changes since endorsement of the CFS-FFA, and insights into their continued relevance.
- Moderated panel discussion, comprised of representatives and practitioners from among CFS stakeholders, including two Member representatives (Canada and Columbia), Rome-based Agencies (RbAs) representatives, and the Civil Society Mechanism. Each panellist will present their experiences, paying special attention to the challenges met, results obtained, and good practices that have contributed (or are expected to contribute) to successful results, as well as how the RbAs can support efforts by governments and others to implement the CFS-FFA Principles by embedding them in their policy and guidance.
- A general floor debate will follow, based upon the guiding questions below. Following a brief summary by the Moderator and Key Note Speaker of key messages and take-aways, draft Conclusions will be presented on the screen for discussion and decision.

The following questions will help guide the discussion, along with questions/comments from the floor, and use of the SLIDO interactive survey app:

- How were the Principles customized to the particular contexts and specific needs of all affected and at-risk populations and people living in vulnerable situations?
- What are the main constraints and challenges in using these CFS-FFA principles for improving the food security and nutrition in protracted crises?
- What good practices would you recommend for the successful use of CFS-FFA principles?
- What more could CFS do on this topic, to support stakeholders to better address food security in protracted crises?

Background Documents:

- CFS 2021/47/3 - Global Thematic Event on the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.16 - CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.17 - Monitoring the use and application of CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) – Secretariat’s analysis of the contributions received to inform the Global Thematic Event

**IV. CFS MULTI YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) 2020-2023
(for decision)**

Chaired by the CFS Chairperson, the objective of this agenda is to review the implementation of the CFS MYPoW and agree on any needed adjustments, taking into account resource and workload implications; and, to agree on draft *Terms of Reference* for the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on *Gender Equality and Women’s empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition*.

The agenda will be divided into two sub-items:

1. Update of the Rolling Section

In this item, CFS Members will be asked to consider the annual update of the rolling section of the CFS 2020-2023 MYPoW, as prepared by the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group. This is in line with the provisions of Annex B of the CFS Implementation Report of the Implementation of the Response to CFS Evaluation on the new MYPoW structure and process (CFS 2018/45/3) adopted at CFS 45. The CFS Chair will introduce document CFS 2021/47/4 and invite interventions by CFS stakeholders.

Following discussion on the rolling section, a draft decision will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

2. Terms of Reference for the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition

The Chair, Ms Satu Lassila (Finland) of the CFS Open Ended Working Group on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition, will introduce document CFS 2021/47/5 (Terms of Reference) resulting from multi-stakeholder consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Following discussion, a draft decision (CFS 2021/47/6/Rev.1) will be presented on the screen by the CFS Chair for endorsement by Plenary.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2021/47/4 - CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decisions
- CFS 2021/47/5 - Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girl’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2021/47/6/Rev.1 - Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decisions
- CFS 2021/47/18 - CFS Annual Progress Report 2019-2020

V. ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (VGFSyN) (for decision)

At its 47th Session in February 2021, CFS is expected to endorse Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN), resulting from an inclusive multistakeholder negotiation process, and informed by the scientific input of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts and a Technical Task Team from among the CFS Advisory Group constituencies. The VGFSyN are intended to serve as a reference point that provides guidance on appropriate policies, responsible investment, and institutional arrangements to address hunger and malnutrition in all its forms from a food systems perspective.

The VGFSyN address the diversity and complexity of food systems with the aim of promoting policy coherence and coordination, considering benefits, costs and trade-offs, while recognizing diversity and complexity of food systems as well as national capacities and priorities. They should, ideally, be used to foster and guide an inclusive dialogue among different institutions, sectors, and all relevant and affected stakeholders within the food system.

This agenda will be divided into two sections:

1. Endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

The morning session will be dedicated to the discussion and endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

The session rollout will consist of:

- Opening of the session by Mr Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson.

- Presentation of the final draft VGFSyN by Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands), Chair of the CFS Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG.
- Decision on the formal endorsement of the VGFSyN by CFS stakeholders, including a draft decision box, presented on the screen by the CFS Chair.

2. Uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

The afternoon session will be dedicated to the uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. This will be an opportunity for CFS stakeholders to share views and present ideas and proposals on how to promote dissemination, use and application of the VGFSyN at all levels to support the development and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes and investment plans to achieve sustainable food systems that enable healthy diets, consistent with the 2030 Agenda.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2021/47/7 - The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)
- CFS 2021/47/8 - The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) – Draft Decisions

CFS SECRETARIAT'S SPECIAL EVENT

“Impacts of CFS Policy Products on Country-level Food Security and Nutrition and COVID Recovery.”

In light of current trends in global food security and nutrition as described by the SOFI 2020 report, and further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no more important question for the Committee right now than whether its policy products and processes, its HLPE reports, and its outreach and engagement efforts are effectively advancing the CFS core mandate – ending global hunger and malnutrition (i.e., SDG-2), while also promoting the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

This event will be an opportunity to discuss and gather feedback from stakeholders on how CFS can strengthen the impact of its work and products, especially at regional and country-levels, in collaboration with member governments, partner UN agencies, Advisory Group members, and others. This discussion will be forward looking, using the experience of existing CFS policy products, processes, and CFS HLPE reports to help shape future work streams and efforts at promoting their utilization and uptake, particularly in light of COVID-19 response and recovery and the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

The Special Event will be organized by the CFS Secretariat and will be divided into two equal parts of 90-minutes each – the first a moderated “Tour de Table” with CFS Chairpersons, past and present, to explore impacts of CFS and its various policy products; the second a

moderated panel looking at how global food security and nutrition have been affected by COVID-19, and how CFS products can assist in recovery and strengthened resilience against future shocks. Question-and-answer sessions will take place after each panel to solicit feedback and perspectives of audience members, followed by brief summaries of key points by moderators and closing remarks by the CFS Chair.

Session rollout:

Part 1:

- CFS Chairperson, Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the Rome UN Agencies;
- Former CFS Chair, Ms Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement
- Former CFS Chair, Mr Yaya Olaniran, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Rome UN Agencies; and,
- Former CFS Chair, Ambassador Mario Arvelo, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the Rome UN Agencies.

Moderator: Mr Waiganjo Njoroge, CFS Secretariat Communications Lead

Part 2:

- Mr Martin Cole, Chairperson of the CFS HLPE Steering Committee ;
- Mr Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food; and,
- (TBC) Ms Agnes Kalibata, Special Envoy for the UN Food Systems Summit.

Moderator: Mr Chris Hegadorn, CFS Secretary

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/47/Inf.19 – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2020 – Transforming Food Systems for Affordable Healthy Diets (also available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca9692en/online/ca9692en.html>)
- CFS 2021/47/Inf.20 - CFS HLPE Issues Paper on Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition (also available at: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/en/>).

VI. OTHER MATTERS

During this item, the CFS Bureau Members and their Alternates will be presented for decision. Arrangements for the CFS 48 Special Session on 4 June 2021 and CFS 49 plenary session on 11-15 October 2021 will be discussed. The CFS 47 Final Report will also be adopted (advanced electronic copies of the Final Report will be made available during the morning of Thursday 11 February 2021).