



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

<b>Thirty-ninth Session</b>
<b>Rome, Italy, 15-20 October 2012</b>
<b>Agenda Item VII.a</b>
<b>MONITORING PROGRESS TOWARDS CFS DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION (October 2011)</b>

This document provides an update on progress towards the recommendations and implementation of decisions taken by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). A summary of the main decisions or recommendations and their source in the CFS 37 Final Report are shown in the left column and the update is in the right column.

<i>III. Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VG GT)</i>	
Mandated the CFS-Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group and the Secretariat, to call for an additional negotiation session with the intent of finalising the VG LT as soon as possible, taking into consideration the Committee's overall work programme and available resources.	Following two additional negotiation sessions on 5-9 March 2012 and 25-28 July 2012, the VGGT were endorsed by the 38th (Special) Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on 11 May 2012.
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 15	

<b>V. POLICY ROUND TABLES</b>	
<b>V.A. - HOW TO INCREASE FOOD SECURITY AND SMALLHOLDER-SENSITIVE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE</b>	
Requested the HLPE to include in its plans for future work, taking into account available resources, a comparative study of constraints to smallholder investment in agriculture in different contexts with policy options for addressing these	The HLPE launched an open electronic consultation on this theme from 16 April to 7 May 2012. Final findings are expected to feed into the preparation of a report for the CFS Plenary session of October 2013.
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 29 (vii)	
Supported an inclusive consultation process within CFS for the development and the broader ownership of principles for responsible agricultural investment. This consultation process will be initiated promptly after approval of the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security.	The CFS Bureau Open-Ended Working Group on this process has developed a proposal for the terms of reference, scope and format of the consultative process – for consideration at CFS 39 (CFS 2012/39/6).
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 29 (ix)	
<b>V.B. - GENDER, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION</b>	
Urged the Bureau to encourage and engage as appropriate with UN Women in the development of specific indicators, targets and time tables to measure progress made towards advancing women's food security, and to invite UN Women to report on progress at the 39th session of CFS.	The Rome based agencies (FAO, IFAD, WFP), in collaboration with UN Women, have developed a joint programme towards "Accelerating progress towards the economic empowerment of rural women". Further work is required to strengthen the linkages between CFS and UN Women.
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 38	
Propose options on the meaning and different uses, if any, of the terms "Food Security", "Food Security and Nutrition", "Food and Nutrition Security" and "Nutrition Security" to the CFS Session for the standardization of the official terminology that the Committee should use.	A task team that was lead by the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) Secretariat and the CFS Secretariat and included members of the Advisory Group members, in consultation with the CFS Bureau and other CFS stakeholders, prepared a paper including recommendations on standard use of terminology for consideration at CFS 39 (CFS 2012/39/4).
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 43	

<b>V.C. FOOD PRICE VOLATILITY</b>	
Support the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the Rapid Response Forum (RRF) and ensure links between the Forum and the CFS.	The CFS Bureau has liaised with the AMIS and RRF Secretariats and Chairs. Modalities of dialogue and mutual representation are being established.
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 50 (e) and (f)	
Mandate the HLPE to carry out a study on social protection and safety nets and their impact in mitigating the negative effects of food price volatility	The HLPE prepared a report for the Policy Round Table on Social Protection and Food Security at CFS 39 (CFS : 2012/39/2).
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 50 (k)	
Mandate the HLPE to conduct a science-based comparative literature analysis of the positive and negative effects of biofuels on food security.	HLPE launched an open electronic consultation on this theme from 20 March to 16 April. Findings are expected to feed into the preparation of a report for the CFS Plenary session of October 2013.
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 50 (i)	
(j) Request relevant international organizations to further assess the constraints and effectiveness of local, national and regional food reserves;	The World Bank, in collaboration with FAO, WFP and other partners are addressing these issues simultaneously, namely assessing buffer stocks and food reserves, and preparing a code of conduct for emergency humanitarian food reserves. The Bureau and Advisory Group will be kept informed of the outcome of these efforts.
(m) Endorse efforts requested by the G20 for WFP and other international organizations and partners (such as the Economic Community of West African States - ECOWAS) and West African countries, to support the development of a pilot project in West Africa, for a targeted regional emergency humanitarian food reserve;	
(n) Request international organizations to develop a framework for a draft voluntary code of conduct for emergency humanitarian food reserves management, for further consideration by CFS;	
Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 50 (j), (m), (n)	
<b>VI. GLOBAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROCESSES</b>	
<b>VI. A. MAPPING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION ACTIONS AT COUNTRY LEVEL – THE WAY FORWARD and VI.B. COUNTRY CASE STUDIES ON MAPPING</b>	

<p>Requested the Secretariat to continue facilitating the process of developing and implementing country level mapping of FSN, and to provide an update to CFS in 2012;</p> <p>and that the process to map food security and nutrition actions be considered during FAO Regional Conferences in 2012. The outcomes of the discussion to be presented to CFS.</p>	<p>The Mapping Task Team continued its work during 2012. Presentations of the Mapping Actions of Food Security and Nutrition web platform (MAFSAN) – including country experiences – were made at FAO Regional Conferences and inputs fed into further work including a workshop on Harmonization held in FAO, Rome, 3-5 September. A progress report was prepared to present to CFS 39 under agenda item VII Monitoring, Mapping and Follow-up (CFS 2012/39/9). Outcomes of the workshop, including presentations by participants, will also be shared during the CFS 39 Special Session on country and regional experiences.</p>
<p>Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 54 (i), (vii), and (viii)</p>	
<p><b>VI. C. STATUS OF GLOBAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK</b></p>	
<p>Incorporate the decisions and recommendations of the 37th Session of CFS with respect to food price volatility, smallholder-sensitive investment in agriculture, and gender, food security and nutrition in the final draft of the GSF.</p>	<p>The First Version of the GSF incorporates those elements and is presented to CFS 39 for consideration (CFS 2012/39/5).</p>
<p>Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 56 (iii)</p>	
<p><b>VI. D. REVIEW OF METHODS TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF HUNGRY</b></p>	
<p>Endorsed the proposal of creating a suite of core food security indicators and the process for doing so and recommended that FAO improves its measure of undernourishment with special emphasis on improving the timeliness and reliability of the underlying data and parameters included in the methodology</p>	<p>FAO SOFI 2012 presents undernourishment trends based on the new methodology and provides an update on a suite of indicators for food security.</p>
<p>Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 57 (i) and (ii)</p>	
<p><b>VII. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CFS REFORM</b></p>	
<p><b>VII. A. CFS RULES OF PROCEDURE</b></p>	
<p>Mandated the Bureau to recommend an update of Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the</p>	

<p>Organization by the next regular Session of CFS;</p> <p>Requested the Bureau to look into a possible system of rotation of the CFS Secretary among FAO, IFAD and WFP;</p> <p>Clarify a number of areas in CFS Rules of Procedure such as procedures to elect the Chair, term limits (eligibility for re-election), deadline for nomination of the candidacies and regional rotations. The procedures for the election of the Bureau members and their alternates should be clarified as well. Those improvements, together with a proposed revision of Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of FAO, which will have to be approved by the FAO Conference, are to be presented to the 38th CFS in 2012.</p>	<p>The CFS Bureau Working Group on Rules of Procedure has addressed these requests and presented Revised CFS Rules of Procedure for consideration at CFS 39 (CFS 2012/39/12).</p>
<p>Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 61 (i), (iii), Para 62</p>	
<p>Requested the Bureau to look into the modalities and requirements for inclusion in the Secretariat of other UN entities directly concerned with food security and nutrition, with a view to allowing the CFS to take an informed decision on the matter at its next regular session.</p>	<p>This matter has not been addressed directly.</p>
<p>Source: CFS 37 Final Report, Para 61 (iv)</p>	
<p>VII. B. RESULTS-BASED FRAMEWORK</p>	
<p>Para. 63 (ii) - Secretariat to prepare, on the basis of commitments taken since the reform of the CFS, a succinct annual report on expenditures against projected costs from available resources;</p> <p>Para 63 (iii) - CFS Bureau and Secretariat to integrate the 2012-2013 Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) with the results-based framework with a view to preparing a more detailed and prioritized Multi-year Programme of Work and Budget to be presented to CFS in 2012.</p>	<p>The CFS Bureau Open-ended Working Group on Programme of Work and Priorities has addressed these requests through the preparation of a Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) for consideration at CFS 39 (CFS 2012/39/11).</p>