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About CFS 43

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of CFS which held its first session in 1976 following a World Food Conference decision in 1974. This year, seven years after the multistakeholder reform in 2009, the

Committee continues to be the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

As in previous sessions, the agenda of CFS 43 includes items that will reach consensus on important policy issues and the decisions will be taken on the future direction of the Committee's work. Panel discussions will be held on a variety of topics including on how effective CFS has been in influencing the policy space. Side Events will be held throughout the week, an exhibit marking the 40th anniversary of the Committee will be on display and there will be an Information Marketplace.

Policy Convergence

Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?

Agenda Item IIIa, Monday 17 Oct, 15.00, & Thursday 20 Oct 16.30 (approx), Plenary Hall

Policy recommendations will be adopted on this theme, the first time the Committee has taken up the issue of livestock specifically since its reform in 2009.

- Sustainable agricultural development, including livestock, is vital to achieving food security and nutrition.
- Approximately 1.3 billion people rely on livestock for their livelihoods, with the majority of rural households keeping livestock in developing countries.
- Livestock also contributes an estimated 31% of global protein consumption, and is particularly vital for women, children, and the elderly.
- However, the livestock sector also presents challenges as the largest user of land resources (80% including pastures and feed), a significant user of water resources, and a major GHG emitter.

CFS policy recommendations recognize:

- To be sustainable over the longer term, the livestock sector needs to use natural resources more efficiently, protect public health from diseases, reduce its carbon footprint, and improve its support to livelihoods, including those of smallholders and pastoralists.
- Scalable solutions already exist to address the challenges within the livestock sector so it is a matter of deploying them in both developed and developing countries alike and ensuring that livestock producers/keepers are able to access the range of tools, technologies and practices.

Connecting Smallholders to Markets

Agenda Item IIIb, Tuesday 18 Oct, 15.00, Plenary Hall

CFS 43 will endorse policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets which will play a decisive role in ensuring smallholders can continue support to global food production. The CFS policy recommendations recognize:

- Smallholder farmers total 500 million across Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America and supply 80% of the food supply in these regions
- The importance for smallholders of local and domestic food markets and the need to strengthen data collection systems about these types of markets to better inform public policies.

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- The potential role that smallholders can play in international markets, the financial and capacity building opportunities as well as the challenges in terms of standards to be met and conditions to be faced.
- The importance of smallholders in creating stronger linkages between consumers and the source of food production.
- The reliance on smallholders' production to support the development of public procurement programmes for vulnerable consumers.
- The need to help women and youth to address constraints by promoting their opportunities and facilitating their access to resources.

Decisions on Future Work of the Committee

CFS Engagement in Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Agenda Item IVa, Tuesday 10.00, Plenary Hall

At CFS 42 in 2015 CFS took a decision to put the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the centre of its work. Since then the Committee has been looking at how it can have greater impact and serve country efforts to achieve the SDGs:

- CFS is a unique body, “fit for purpose” to support the implementation and review of the food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture dimensions of the 2030 Agenda at the global level.
- The Committee envisages its roles along three main functions: policy convergence, lesson sharing, and progress review. Its activities and resulting policy products can help countries achieve the SDGs.
- The Committee will support global progress reviews through its engagement with the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York.
- This year's Plenary will include a discussion on the CFS inputs into the upcoming 2017 HLPF review. The discussion will guide the subsequent development of a contribution to HLPF discussions stressing the central role of food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture for any progress on the 2030 Agenda, and advocating for it to be adequately addressed in the high level political guidance resulting from the HLPF.

Monitoring the Implementation of CFS Decisions and Recommendations

Agenda Item IVbi, Tuesday 18 Oct, 16.30 (Approx), Plenary Hall

- Increasing awareness of CFS decisions and recommendations is crucial for results and requires the collective efforts of all CFS stakeholders.
- To that end Terms of Reference for sharing experiences and good practices will be endorsed. These promote CFS principles such as inclusiveness, participation especially of the most vulnerable and marginalized people and groups, country-ownership, gender equality and transparency.
- This approach could be adopted for the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as it is compatible.

CFS Engagement in Advancing Nutrition

Agenda Item IVc, Wednesday 15.00, Plenary Hall

- Malnutrition in all its forms impacts not only life opportunities by affecting people's health and well being but also has social and economic negative consequences for communities and countries worldwide.
- The causes associated with malnutrition are complex and multidimensional, including poverty, underdevelopment and low socio-economic status, and the failure of current food systems to provide the foods that contribute to healthy diets.
- Early priorities in the context of the Decade of Action on Nutrition could include a set of concrete potential areas addressing reshaping sustainable food systems for healthy diets.

CFS will contribute to advancing nutrition by:

- Promoting effective evidence-based policies for reducing malnutrition in all its forms through inclusive multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral processes.
- The Committee will take a decision to continue working on this important subject leading up to CFS 44 in 2017 and beyond. This includes a High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report as a basis for future policy convergence work, and the CFS potential contribution to the Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025).

Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition

Agenda Item IVe, Thursday 20 Oct, 10.00, Plenary Hall

- The Forum will provide a space for all stakeholders to exchange practical experiences on the challenges, opportunities and positive outcomes that they have seen as a result of a more integrated rural-urban approach.
- The Forum will also provide a space for discussion and decision on what CFS can contribute on this topic and how.
- More than 50% of the world's population now lives in cities and large towns, and this figure is expected to rise to 66% by 2050.
- UN Habitat estimates that about 45% of the urban population in developing countries live in slums.
- When looking at the world's poor, approximately 78% of those living on less than US\$2 per day live in rural areas, and 63% of the poor are working in agriculture.
- The lines between urban and rural are blurring and more integrated policy approaches are necessary in order to achieve food security and nutrition for all.

Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW)

Agenda Item IVd, Wednesday 19 Oct 16.30 (Approx), Plenary Hall

- The Committee is ready to endorse the theme of the 2018 HLPE report which will be on "Multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda".

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- This report will be an opportunity to carry out a comparative exercise, draw lessons from the variety of food security and nutrition multistakeholder partnerships that are operational and analyze their role as a modality for scaling up innovation, resources and action to deliver the SDGs.
- The HLPE has also been mandated to prepare a new note on critical and emerging issues for food security and nutrition which will be presented by the end of 2017 to inform discussions about future CFS activities.
- A new selection criteria for future CFS activities has also been proposed in order to ensure that they fully contribute to the advancement of the 2030 Agenda.

Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition

Agenda Item IVf, Thursday 20 Oct, 15.00, Plenary Hall

- 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.
- 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 will endorse the fifth version of the GSF which includes the policy recommendations on Water for Food Security and Nutrition and a reference to the Framework for Action for Food Security in Protracted Crises that were agreed at CFS 42 in 2015.

Panel Discussions

Details of the times, panel and moderator are on the CFS 43 web page.

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

Rome Based Agency Special Event, Monday 17 Oct 18.00

- As part of collective efforts to shape sustainable and inclusive food systems for food security and nutrition outcomes at scale and for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food, the Rome based agencies (FAO, IFAD & WFP), co-organizers of this event, have undertaken to support the dialogue on nutrition-sensitive approaches to value chain development.
- Working on value chains with the goal of reconciling economic, social and nutritional objectives, appears crucial to shape sustainable and inclusive food systems for food security and nutrition outcomes at scale. Making value chains nutrition-sensitive requires a multistakeholder and integrated approach, which fits well with the CFS approach. It requires concerted action amongst various stakeholders in terms of policy, research, strengthening partnerships and coordination, and information sharing.
- The RBAs are supporting a common framework of reference to help different stakeholders navigate the complexity of food systems with a common lens to identify their individual and collective roles and contributions to nutrition. The framework, which will be presented during the event, lays the ground for a systematic identification of good practices and scaling up opportunities, potential areas of tensions and trade-offs, as well as practical entry points for convergence and partnering.

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- There will also be an opportunity for sharing practical examples of successes and challenges of nutrition-sensitive work with value chains from a wide spectrum of actors. This will include a broad-based exchange of views on how inclusive and nutrition-sensitive value chains contribute to SDG2 and ICN2 targets, and also on how the proposed framework can support the implementation of key CFS products.

Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure - Global Thematic Event

Agenda Item IVbii, Wednesday 19 Oct, 10.00, Plenary Hall

A compilation of the case studies that were submitted as background for this session is on the CFS 43 web page. Highlights include:

- The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT) have been widely used and applied in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America since they were endorsed by CFS in 2012.
- Political will and sustained commitment are the catalysts most frequently mentioned in the experiences documented by CFS stakeholders.
- Good practices include those related to the empowerment of stakeholders enabling them to actively engage in tenure-related issues and defend their rights.
- The establishment of inclusive multistakeholder platforms, the promotion of political engagement and sustained political dialogue, the incorporation of the VGGT in national policies, laws and systems through strong national ownership, and sharing of experiences within and across countries are also noted.
- Monitoring the implementation of the VGGTs is essential to inform stakeholders of progress in improving tenure governance, in particular on vulnerable and marginalized people and the challenges met.

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

Special Event, Friday 21 Oct, 10.00, Plenary Hall

- In 2016, 22 countries volunteered to participate in the first national voluntary reporting on progress on SDGs, taking place in the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).
- In this panel discussion eight countries (China, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Mexico, Norway and Switzerland) will share their experiences on their first efforts to achieve the food security and nutrition related targets of the 2030 Agenda within their own context.
- This lesson-learning and experience sharing event will give countries and other stakeholders the opportunity to dialogue on how to domesticate the SDGs, how to address challenges posed to national institutions by the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda and the three dimensions of sustainable development and how to ensure that national implementation is inclusive.

Other Agenda Items

State of Food Insecurity in the World and the 2030 Agenda

Agenda Item V, Tuesday 18 Oct, 11.30 (approx.) Plenary Hall

- A presentation will be made by Pietro Gennari, Director of the FAO Statistics Division. FAO, IFAD and WFP, in collaboration with other organizations of the UN system, are working to reshape the annual SOFI to a new “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World” (SOFO) report, “fit for purpose” to monitor the food security and nutrition targets of SDG2.
- The indicators retained to measure progress against targets 2.1 and 2.2 of the 2030 Agenda will be presented. The first SOFO will be launched in 2017.
- In 2016, 793 million people still lacked access, on a regular basis, to adequate amounts of dietary energy. Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest prevalence of food insecurity, followed by Southern Asia.
- While the number of stunted children has decreased in almost all regions between 2000 and 2015, the share of children under five considered overweight increased from 5.1% to 6.2%.
- The shift of paradigm induced by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for a novel approach to monitoring progress towards ending hunger and eradicating all forms of malnutrition.
- In CFS 43, FAO, IFAD and WFP will discuss opportunities and challenges arising from the requirements to monitor an integrated agenda, such as generating reliable, disaggregated data, comparable between countries and regions.
- They will present efforts to support policy makers address cross-cutting issues, by identifying and attempting to quantify synergies and trade-offs with other goals and targets while monitoring progress on food security and nutrition.

Evaluation of CFS

Agenda Item VI, Friday 21 Oct, 15.00, Plenary Hall

The Committee is currently undergoing an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the CFS reform. An update on the status of the evaluation will be provided by the evaluation manager.

Other Activities During the Week

CFS is going PaperSmart

In line with the UN “Greening the Blue” initiative, CFS 43 will be PaperSmart. For delegates who need printed copies, a Print on Demand centre will be in operation during the week from 8.30 – 18.00 at the Document Desk, Building A, First Floor. Printed copies can be ordered by sending an email to CFS43-Print@fao.org.

Side Events

Side Events at CFS Sessions are self-organized by a wide range of food security and nutrition stakeholders. There are 56 in total. They are from 8.30 – 10, 13.00 to 14.30 and 18.00 – 19.30 starting from Monday lunchtime through to Friday lunchtime. There are also two launch Side Events on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 14.30 – 15.00. Details of the events are in the Side Event Timetable and

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there are abstracts in the Side Event Guide which are both on the CFS 43 web page. A Web App that includes the Session Timetable and the Side Event Timetable is also on the page.

In partnership with CFS, the Global Forum for Agriculture (GFAR) is training a group of social media reporters to report on the Side Events. Look out for their articles on the CFS Events Blog – the link is on the CFS 43 web page.

CFS 40th Birthday Exhibit

2016 marks the 40th birthday of CFS which held its first session in 1976. To mark this milestone an exhibit will be on display in the Atrium showing some of the highlights of the Committee during this time.

Information Marketplace

CFS stakeholders have been invited to display material related to food security and nutrition and the mandate of CFS. The Information Marketplace will be in the Atrium and the Flag Hall. In the Atrium there is a table for Side Event flyers.