



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

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DRAFT REPORT

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) held its Forty-fifth Session from 15 to 19 October 2018 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. The Session was attended by delegates from (128) Members of the Committee; (XXX) non-Member States of the Committee and by representatives from:

- (13) United Nations Agencies and Bodies;
- (142) Civil society organizations¹;
- (6) International agricultural research organizations;
- (2) International and regional financial institutions;
- (101) Private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations²;

and

- (74) Observers.

2. One Vice-President; (XXX) Ministers and (XXX) Vice-Ministers registered. The full list of Members, Participants and Observers will be available as document CFS 2018/45/Inf.5 (<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs45/en/>)

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

² This figure includes xx companies under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).

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3. The report contains the following appendices: Appendix A – Agenda of the Session; Appendix B – Membership of the Committee; Appendix C – List of Documents.
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, H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño, Dominican Republic.
6. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda and Timetable.
7. The Committee appointed a Drafting Committee composed of Afghanistan, Austria, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, the Russian Federation, Sudan and the United States of America as well as Mr Antonio Sá Ricarte (Brazil), as Chair of the Drafting Committee.

II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD

8. Opening statements were delivered by Ambassador Mario Arvelo Caamaño, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security; Mr José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP); Ms Cornelia Richter, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); and Mr Patrick Caron, Chairperson of the Steering Committee, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE). Ms Zala Shardaben Fathesinh from Gujarat, Self Employed Women Association (SEWA), India, delivered the keynote speech on behalf of rural women in celebration of the international day of rural women. The statements are available as CFS Information documents at <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs45/en/>
9. The Assistant Director-General of the Economic and Social Development Department of FAO, Mr Kostas G. Stamoulis, introduced agenda item II.b. “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018”, which was followed by a debate.
10. For Agenda item II.d. “SOFI 2018 – Panel discussion”, a panel discussion was organized bringing together international leading technical experts, representatives of civil society and the private sector. The discussion focused on good practices and the challenges for ending hunger by 2030.
11. The discussion was moderated by Ms Joyce Kanyangwa Luma, Director in the Office of the Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme. The panel was composed of:
 - Mr John Ingram, Professor, Oxford University, United Kingdom;
 - Mr Bruce Hewitson, Director of Climate System Analysis Group, University of Cape Town, South Africa;
 - Ms Tui Shortland, Director, Te Kopu, Pacific Indigenous & Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction, New Zealand;
 - Ms Thato Moagi, Director, Legae La Banareng Farms, South Africa.

III. STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE 2018: PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

12. The panel discussion was jointly organized by CFS and FAO to exchange ideas among participants on the issues raised in the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2018 report on the relationship between migration, agriculture and rural development.

13. The focus of the report is on rural migration, the many forms it takes and the important role it plays in both developing and developed countries. The report investigates drivers and impacts of rural migration and highlights how policy priorities relating to rural migration depend on country contexts that continuously evolve.

14. The discussion was moderated by Mr Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General of the FAO Economic and Social Development Department. The SOFA report was introduced by Mr Andrea Cattaneo, FAO Senior Economist. The panel included leading experts on migration, development practitioners and representatives from the civil society and the private sector.

15. The panel was composed of:

- Ms Sandra Paola Alvarez, Migration and Development Specialist, International Organization of Migration (IOM);
- Mr Bruno Losch, Professor and Lead Political Economist, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD) ;
- Mr Nadjirou Sall, Secretary General of the Network of Peasant Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organizations of West Africa, ROPPA;
- Ms Hlamalani Ngwenya, International Development Consultant, Global Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) and Lecturer at the University of Free State, South Africa.

IV. CFS EVALUATION - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPONSE

16. The Committee considered documents CFS 2018/45/2 “CFS Evaluation: Plan of Action – with Draft Decision” and CFS 2018/45/3 “CFS Evaluation – Implementation of the Response to the Evaluation”, as presented by Ms Jiani Tian (China) and Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany), co-facilitators of the process.

The Committee:

- a. Expressed its appreciation to Ms Jiani Tian (China) and Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany) for facilitating the finalization of the Plan of Action, specifically the response to the evaluation recommendations 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 that were not presented to CFS 44, and the implementation of the response to the evaluation leading up to CFS 45.
- b. Endorsed the “CFS Evaluation: Plan of Action – with Draft Decision” (CFS 2018/45/2).

- c. Endorsed the “CFS Evaluation – Implementation of the Response to the Evaluation” (CFS 2018/45/3), acknowledging that the 2009 Reform Document remains the cornerstone of CFS work.

V. CRITICAL AND EMERGING ISSUES IN FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION - TOWARDS A STRATEGIC MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPOW) 2020-2023

17. The Committee:

- a) Took note of the views expressed and the potential issues suggested during the session on critical and emerging issues for future consideration by the CFS as an important element for upcoming discussions on the preparation of the next CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW);
- b) In line with indications included in Annex B of the Implementation Report of the CFS Evaluation, recommended that the CFS Bureau, in collaboration with the Advisory Group, and with the support and participation of interested CFS stakeholders, work on the preparation of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 to be submitted for consideration and endorsement at CFS 46;
- c) Requested the HLPE to undertake the following study to be presented by the first semester of 2020: “Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030”, as per the proposal included in section three of document CFS 2018/45/4.

VI. CFS WORKSTREAM UPDATES AND DECISIONS

VI.a ENDORSEMENT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR POLICY GUIDANCE ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

18. The Committee considered documents CFS 2018/45/06 “Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition” and CFS 2018/45/05 “CFS workstream on Food Systems and Nutrition – Draft Decision”, as presented by Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Nutrition.

The Committee:

- a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Nutrition and acknowledged the effective leadership of its previous Chair, Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt) and the current Chair;
- b) Endorsed the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, in support to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025;
- c) Recognized the importance of an inclusive process leading to the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines, open to all interested stakeholders, which will be facilitated

by the CFS Secretariat, under the guidance of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group on Nutrition, and with the assistance of a Technical Task Team;

- d) Emphasized the crucial importance of the planned consultation phases for the ownership and success of the process, and invited all relevant CFS stakeholders to actively participate in the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines;
- e) Recognizing that sufficient funds are not currently available, invited CFS Members and stakeholders to provide adequate financial resources to enable the implementation of the policy convergence process ensuring that all the planned activities are carried out within available resources;
- f) Requested that the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition be submitted for endorsement by CFS at its 47th Session in 2020.

VI.b CFS AND THE 2030 AGENDA: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF)

19. The Committee considered documents CFS/2018/45/7 "CFS draft contribution to the 2019 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development global review" and CFS 2018/45/8 Rev.1 "CFS and the 2030 Agenda: Contributions to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) - Draft Decision", as presented by Mr. Willem Olthof (European Union).

The Committee:

- a) Expressed its appreciation for the inclusive consultation process carried out in the intersessional period and acknowledged the effective leadership of its facilitator;
- b) Noted the 2018 UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) Ministerial Declaration which reiterates that ending hunger and achieving food security is fundamental for sustainable development, and which makes reference to key messages promoted by CFS and the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), such as on sustainable food systems, reduction of food losses and waste, protection of natural resources, and access to nutritious foods from smallholder producers;
- c) Reiterated its commitment to intensify efforts to promote the use of CFS policy recommendations in all countries, with a view to promoting policy coherence for food security and nutrition;
- d) Considered document CFS/2018/45/7 "CFS draft contribution to the 2019 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development global review" as an adequate basis for the CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF review on "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". The Committee noted in particular that it should be updated with the outcomes of CFS 45 discussions, as well as the latest international statistics and trends on food security and nutrition, based on global reports such as - but not limited to - the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI), and finalized by the Bureau following one or more open meetings;
- e) Decided, based on the UNGA guidance on follow-up and review arrangements for the next HLPF cycle, to continue sending inputs to future reviews of the HLPF beyond 2019;

- f) Requested that a draft contribution for 2020 be submitted to CFS 46, following an inclusive, facilitated process involving a maximum of two open ended meetings and taking advantage of electronic consultations;
- g) Encouraged all CFS stakeholders to increase their coordinated engagement at different levels in the follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by presenting, at the CFS Plenary, the food security aspects of Voluntary National Reviews.

VI.c PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES

20. The Committee considered document CFS 2018/45/9 “Promoting accountability and sharing best practices – with draft decision”, as presented by Ms. Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring.

The Committee:

- a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Monitoring and acknowledged the effective leadership of its Chair;
- b) After consideration of CFS 44 decisions (CFS 2017/44/Report), paragraphs 34b and 34f, and paragraph 10 of Annex C of the document CFS 2018/45/3, requested the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group and if necessary seeking additional inputs, to:
- Oversee the preparation of Global Thematic Events (GTEs) to be held every two years in plenary;
 - Oversee the preparation of events organized for fostering the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and good practices on the use and application of other CFS policy recommendations at all levels, through the MYPoW process;
 - Oversee the preparation of the event to be held in 2019, subject to available resources, for monitoring CFS policy recommendations on (i) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture; (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets; and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock during CFS 46.

VII. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD GUIDELINES

21. Keynote presentations were delivered by Mr Kostas G. Stamoulis, Assistant Director General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO, Ms Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and Ms Livia Pomodoro, UNESCO Chair on the Right to Food, President of Milan Center for Food Law and Policy. A presentation was given by Ms Anne-Marie Moulton, Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring.

22. The discussion was moderated by Mr Michael Windfuhr, Deputy Director, German Institute for Human Rights, Federal Republic of Germany. The panel was composed of:

- Mr Badrul Arefin, Director-General, Food Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh;
- Mr Issiaka Bictogo, Executive Secretary of the Food Security and National Council, Burkina Faso;
- Ms Elisa Maria Cadena Gaona, Deputy Director of Nutritional Health, Food and Beverage, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Colombia;
- Mr Peter Schmidt, President of the European Economic and Social Committee's Sustainable Development Observatory;
- Ms Ramona Duminicioiu, Member of the CSM Coordination Committee and Coordinator of the CSM Working Group on Monitoring.

The Committee:

- a) Welcomed the Global Thematic Event as an opportunity to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (the Guidelines), as a contribution to monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Guidelines;
- b) Took note of the overview provided in documents CFS 2018/45/Inf.19 "Experiences and Good Practices in the Use and Application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security – Summary and Key Elements" and CFS 2018/45/Inf.20 "Global Thematic Event on Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security: Session Guidelines".

VIII - THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL OF EXPERTS (HLPE) REPORT ON MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA

23. The Committee:

- a) Acknowledged with appreciation the work of the HLPE on the preparation of the Report on Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda and the presentation made by Mr Moraka Nakedi Makhura, HLPE Project Team Leader, on the main policy relevant evidence included in the report;
- b) Regretted that the HLPE report was not made available in all official languages and requested the CFS Secretariat to take further steps towards securing additional funding for translation;
- c) Suggested to use this HLPE report, including the questionnaire annexed to it, as the starting point of a follow-up process focusing on knowledge and lesson-

sharing on effective multistakeholder partnerships at different scales and requested the Bureau to define the details of such a process.
