



GUIDELINES FOR EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN CFS SESSIONS

The reform of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) highlighted the importance of expanding participation in CFS to ensure that voices of all relevant stakeholders are heard in the policy debate on food security and nutrition.

As an outcome of the reform, in addition to Member countries and Observers, CFS now includes five different categories of Participants (para 11):

- i*) UN agencies and other UN bodies;
- ii*) Civil society and non-governmental organizations particularly organizations representing smallholder family farmers, fisherfolks, herders, landless, urban poor, agricultural and food workers, women, youth, consumers and indigenous people;
- iii*) International agricultural research institutions;
- iv*) International and regional financial institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, regional development banks and the World Trade Organization;
- v*) Private sector associations and philanthropic foundations.

Implementing the CFS reform is a process that requires all stakeholders to work together in a collaborative and constructive way.

The objective of the following guidelines is to encourage active participation by a wide range of stakeholders while at the same time ensuring that the Committee arrives at concrete conclusions/recommendations.

1. All interventions should be as concise as possible (3 minutes);
2. For those agenda items that require decision, Members and Participants are encouraged to focus their interventions on the text box placed on the first page of each session document;
3. In order to encourage brevity and avoid repetition, member states are encouraged to the extent possible to intervene through their respective Regional Groups;
4. Participants under category *ii*) are encouraged to appoint through the *International Food Security and Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism for relations with CFS* a limited number of spokespersons for each session and communicate them to the Chairperson;
5. Participants under categories *i*, *iii*, *iv* and *v* are also encouraged to caucus to select spokespersons;
6. Priority will be given to spokespersons of each Regional Group together with spokespersons within the Participants categories.