



26 June 2014

Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises (CFS-A4A)

Process for Negotiation

FAO, Rome - July 29th to August 1st 2014

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will convene the negotiation of the Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises (CFS-A4A) at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy between July 29th and August 1st. The objective of this meeting is to finalize the CFS-A4A for subsequent submission to the CFS Plenary for final approval in October 2014.

Negotiation will be based on the First Draft which is available in all UN languages at <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/cfs-fipc>. The First Draft has been developed as a result of feedback received during the consultative process on what should be added, changed, and improved based on the Zero Draft. The OEWG Co-Chairs' Summary from each Open-ended Working Group, the Global Consultation, and the collection of contributions received through the global e-Consultation are available on the CFS-A4A webpage.

Procedures: The negotiation will follow the rules and procedures established by the reformed CFS. The negotiation will be facilitated by the Open Ended Working Group Co-Chairs, H.E. Josephine W. Gaita and Ms. Elisabeth Kvitashvili. The CFS Secretariat and the Technical Support Team will support the process as required. The negotiation will be conducted in all official UN languages. Punctuality is required due to the schedule for interpretation. In the interest of time, the Chair asks all Members and Participants to refrain from making opening statements and to make all interventions short and concise, preferably providing a concrete text proposal.

Format: The negotiation will begin with page one of the Introduction and proceed paragraph by paragraph until the full document is negotiated and agreed. Bracketing rules of the UN will be applied. The format of the negotiation of each section (heading listed in the table of contents) will be:

- Introduction on the section by the CFS Secretariat, including where appropriate a member of the Technical Support Team;
- Short unrecorded discussion among all Members and Participants;
- Changes, amendments, or deletions (paragraph by paragraph if a section includes more than one paragraph) can be suggested and will be recorded by scribes:
 - Uncontested changes will be accepted;
 - Differing or multiple suggestions on the same paragraph will be negotiated to reach consensus;
 - Where no agreement is possible, the Co-Chairs will ask for a neutral Rapporteur to convene a Friends of the Chair Group to work in parallel with interested parties, as Plenary continues;
 - The Rapporteur of the Friends of the Chair Group will send back revised text to Plenary for final agreement.
- Text discussed and approved in Plenary will be marked by an asterisk. Text with asterisks will not be reopened by the Co-Chairs. There will be some flexibility where necessary for language

discussed in subsequent sections to be inserted in already asterisked paragraphs, given the inter-linkages between the sections.

There will be two regular sessions per day between Tuesday and Friday, and if necessary evening sessions on each of those days can be arranged. Each session will last three hours, and will be interpreted in all official UN languages. The CFS Secretariat will be present to answer technical questions about the document, and will also provide scribing services to capture amendments to the CFS-A4A.

CFS Committee on World Food Security		CFS-A4A Negotiation, Jul 29 – Aug 1			
Provisional timetable					
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
09:30 – 12:30					
14:30 – 17:30					
18:30 – 21:30					
Regular sessions		Possible night sessions			
Location: Red Room					
Interpretation: in all UN languages for Plenary sessions					

Friends of the Chair Group: Each regional group, CSM, and PSM are asked to nominate by July 8th at least one (and up to three representatives) who could serve as a Rapporteur for a Friends of the Chair Group, as may be requested by the OEWG Co-Chairs during the negotiation. Any Member or Participant can serve as Rapporteur for a Friends of the Chair Group.

The Co-Chairs can request a Friends of the Chair Group to be formed as needed during the negotiations for assistance in reaching agreement, and will aim to ensure representative participation of all concerned groups/regions. A Friends of the Chair Group is open to participation by any Member or Participant. The Friends of the Chair Group will work in parallel as Plenary continues. The Friends of the Chair Group may also address specific language harmonization issues, in which case Members and Participants with technical and/or legal backgrounds are encouraged to participate. Any Friends of the Chair Group working on language harmonization will ensure agreed language is consistent throughout the document and assist with reaching agreement on specific terms and language. All Friends of the Chair Group discussions will be held in English. Any decisions reached in Friends of the Chair Group discussions will be interpreted in Plenary in all official UN languages for adoption.

The Co-Chairs strongly urge Members and Participants to review the First Draft of the CFS-A4A prior to the negotiations and to take note of the comments tracking matrix which provides further explanation on how specific issues raised and feedback provided have been addressed. All delegations are encouraged to arrive with clear instructions/mandate to agree on the Final Draft of the CFS-A4A.

We are sure that you share our desire for the need to reach a successful conclusion to the negotiation of the CFS-A4A during the four days we have available, and we look forward to a productive and constructive meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Elisabeth Kvitashvili
(CFS-A4A OEWG Co-Chairs)