



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Forty-first Session

"Making a difference in food security and nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 13-18 October 2014

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

{For decision}

- a) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
- b) Membership of the Committee
- c) Drafting Committee composition

II. SETTING THE STAGE FOR CFS 41

{For information}

- a) Statement by the UN Secretary-General (to be confirmed)
- b) Statements by Heads of FAO, IFAD, WFP and the Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee

III. STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN THE WORLD 2014

{For information and discussion}

The purpose of this item is to inform the Committee on the State of Food Insecurity in the World. A presentation will be made based on the State of Food Insecurity in the World 2014 (SOFI) report. The report will present a number of indicators for measuring hunger and food insecurity and country case studies focussed on food security governance.

IV. POLICY CONVERGENCE

In line with the CFS role to promote policy convergence, this item seeks to provide guidance around key food security and nutrition issues.

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a) Policy Round Tables

The objective of this item is to promote open and substantive debate so as to contribute to concrete policy recommendations for consideration by the Committee. Two policy round tables will be held on the following topics:

- i) Food losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems
- ii) The role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition

For each round table, background documents include a report of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) and a proposed Decision Box.

For more details of the format of this session, see Annex 1: "CFS Policy Round Tables – Guidelines for Delegates".

Part 1 - Discussions

{For information and discussion}

Part 2 - Wrap-up of Policy Recommendations

{For decision}

b) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments {For decision}

The Committee will be asked to endorse the “Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments” (CFS-RAI), which reflect the outcome of an inclusive consultative process both at the global and regional levels following a decision by CFS 39 in 2012.

c) Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises

{For decision}

The Committee will be asked to endorse an “Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises” (CFS-A4A), which reflects the outcome of an extensive consultative process undertaken following a decision by CFS 39 in 2012.

V. COORDINATION AND LINKAGES WITH CFS

a) Coordination & linkages with CFS {For information and discussion}

The objective of this agenda item is to strengthen linkages and encourage a two-way dialogue between CFS and other food security and nutrition stakeholders at the global and regional levels. The Committee will also be updated on best practices and lessons learned when implementing food security and nutrition policies at country level.

The following themes will be used to guide discussions:

Global: Food Security and Nutrition in the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Regional: CAADP/NEPAD’s¹ efforts to mainstream nutrition in agriculture.

National: Best practices and lessons learned on implementing the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security.

These items will take the form of an interactive panel discussion. There will be a facilitator who will introduce the panellists and invite them to make short presentations. This will be followed by further

¹ Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) / New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

interaction including questions from the floor. In order to allow as much interaction as possible, panellists and delegates are asked to keep their interventions pertinent and to the point.

The main points arising from the panel discussions, together with the theme and context, will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

b) Right to Food – Ten Year Perspective {For decision}

Ten years ago the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security were endorsed by CFS. This agenda item will create a platform to discuss the different dimensions of the implementation of the Guidelines, look back at the progress made over the last ten years, review the lessons learned and best practices, identify the gaps and challenges and discuss the way forward. The Committee will be asked to consider the progress made and reaffirm its commitment to the Guidelines.

VI. CFS WORKSTREAM UPDATES

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Committee on ongoing workstreams:

a) Programme of Work and Priorities and Emerging Issues {For information and decision}

The Committee will be updated on the status of the selection process of the activities to be carried out in the biennium 2016-2017. The Committee will also be asked to make a decision on the theme of the HLPE report for 2016.

b) CFS Communication Strategy {For information}

The Committee will be updated on the progress made in implementing a communication strategy for CFS and will be informed of the next steps.

c) A framework for Monitoring CFS Decisions {For decision}

At CFS 40 in 2013 the Committee underlined the important role of CFS as a platform for stakeholders to regularly share experiences and practices on monitoring work in strategic areas at the global, regional and national levels. CFS also recognized the need to use monitoring and evaluation to improve the work of CFS including the formulation of CFS recommendations. One of the recommendations endorsed at CFS 40 was to conduct periodic assessments of CFS effectiveness in improving policy frameworks, especially at country level, and in promoting participation of and coherence among stakeholders on food security and nutrition. Specifically, CFS 40 recommended carrying out a baseline survey to assess the current situation as the base of assessing progress.

The Committee will be asked to approve the proposed approach to conducting a baseline survey including its timeframe and modalities for implementation.

d) Rules of Procedure {For decision}

The Committee will be asked to endorse the proposed amendments to Rule V (High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition) of the CFS Rules of Procedure. It will also be asked to consider proposals regarding the role and composition of the Advisory Group as well as the distinction between CFS Participants and Observers.

e) The Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition

{For decision}

The Committee will be asked to endorse the third version of the “Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition” that incorporates the policy recommendations on Biofuels and Food Security and Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition as adopted at CFS 40 in 2013.

VII. OTHER MATTERS

During this agenda item, updates on administrative issues will be presented to the Committee. The arrangements for the CFS 42 Session of CFS in 2015 will be decided and the Final Report of the Session will be adopted.

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| a) | Arrangements for the CFS 42 Session, October 2015 | {For decision} |
| b) | Adoption of the Final Report | {For decision} |

WORLD FOOD DAY-CFS SPECIAL EVENT

A World Food Day-CFS Special Event on “Innovation in Family Farming: Towards Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition” will be held on the afternoon of World Food Day, 16th October. The format will be an interactive panel discussion. Please check the CFS website for details:

<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs41/>

SIDE EVENTS

Side events will be held throughout the week. Please check the Side Events Calendar and Brochure on the CFS website for further details: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs41/>.

ANNEX 1

CFS Policy Round Tables - Guidelines for Delegates

1. Background documentation

A Report has been prepared by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) for each Policy Round Table to inform the debate.

Two official session documents serve as background to the Plenary:

- a) A draft set of proposed policy recommendations (the Decision Box proposed to the CFS Plenary for its consideration) and, if required, other accompanying or cover text. The Decision Box proposed for consideration is a CFS Secretariat text, based on the work of a Decision Box Team made up of interested CFS members and of participants designated by the Advisory Group, following the release of the corresponding HLPE report.
- b) The Executive Summary and list of recommendations of the HLPE report (reproduced verbatim).

2. Format of the Round Table Session

On the podium for the Round Table Session there will be the Chair of the Policy Round Table, two panellists and a Rapporteur. The first panellist will be a member of the HLPE designated by the Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee and will present the HLPE report's findings. The other panellist will be a guest designated by the CFS Chair, to give a special perspective on the issues.

The Round Table will be opened by the Chair of the Policy Round Table. Following the presentations by the two panellists, the floor will be opened by the Chair for dialogue and discussion. The Chair will ensure the proper sequencing of interventions from CFS Members and Participants: to date the rule has been to have 3-4 interventions by Members followed by an intervention from a Participant.

The aim of the Round Table Session is to discuss the issues at stake in order to prepare the finalization and adoption of the Decision Box, which will take place during the Plenary Wrap-Up Session taking into account the views expressed during the debates.

3. Reaching Consensus on the Draft Decision Box

Between the Policy Round Table and the Policy Wrap-Up Session, the Rapporteur works to build consensus on the Draft Decision Box. If necessary, they will convene a Friends of the Rapporteur (FoR) group. The rapporteur will decide on the modalities of the FoR group, the number of meetings and their scheduling, with due consideration of the agenda of CFS Plenary. If necessary, in order to facilitate the work, the Rapporteur can limit the number of participants at the meetings of the FoR on the condition that balanced representation of various regional groups and the categories of CFS Participants is maintained. The Rapporteur will carefully follow the positions of all parties during the discussions, and exercise adequate judgment with respect to the way the discussions are conducted. During the discussion, the Rapporteur can propose text to facilitate the arrival at consensus.

At the end of each FoR meeting, the Rapporteur ensures that the Secretariat communicates the results of the meeting to the participants of the meeting, as well as to CFS Members and Participants through the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group and through FAO Regional Groups Chairs. The Rapporteur also reports to the CFS Chair on the progress of the group.

4. Policy Round Table Wrap-Up Session

The Rapporteur introduces the Draft Decision Box in the Policy Round Table Wrap-Up Session. The CFS Chair leads the Wrap Up discussions and can request the Rapporteur to provide support during debates, as appropriate.