

CFS 45

The call for Side Event proposals for CFS 45 is on the [CFS 45 web page](#). The deadline for submitting requests is 29 June. If you have questions, please consult the new [Side Event Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Nutrition

A revised version of the Terms of Reference (TORs) for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition has been presented for discussion at the OEWG meeting on 30 April.

The revised version of the TORs was intended to incorporate the outcomes of the OEWG meeting held in March where it was underlined that the voluntary guidelines will focus on food systems and nutrition, using the scientific evidence provided in the HLPE report as the basis for this CFS policy convergence work. This approach entails using food supply chains, food environments and consumer behaviour as the policy entry points. It was also stressed that the quality of the product is more important than the speed of the process and the possibility of extending the finalization of the process was supported by the majority of members.

Following the April discussion, the CFS Secretariat, in collaboration with the Technical Task Team, will circulate a new version of the TORs for finalization at the OEWG meeting scheduled on 15 June, before they are presented for endorsement by the Plenary at CFS 45.

SDGs

The CFS contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018 is being circulated to the Bureau and Advisory group and then will be forwarded to the President of ECOSOC. The possibility of preparing a concept note for a joint side-event to be held at the HLPF on the interlinkages of nutrition is being discussed. Groundwork to kick-start the work for the preparation of the CFS contribution to the HLPF 2019 has just started in preparation for the OEWG of 14th May 2018.

Monitoring

Global Thematic Event on the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food at CFS 45

The call for inputs to report on multistakeholder events organized at global, regional or national level to share experiences and good practices on the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food (VGRtF), in line with the Terms of Reference endorsed at CFS 43, closed on 15 April 2018 (CFS 2016/43/7). One submission has been received so far. The Secretariat has been informed of 14 upcoming late submissions. To the extent feasible, late submissions will be taken into consideration in the report for Plenary, considering the need to submit it to the OEWG on Monitoring by the end of May. Nevertheless all submissions received by 30 June will be included in the compilation of the submissions that will be made available online in original language.

A draft plenary report summarizing the inputs received on experiences on the VGRtF reported individually by stakeholders was drafted by the Secretariat and sent to the Technical Task Team for comments. The inputs received on multistakeholder events organized at all levels to share experiences on VGRtF will be incorporated as soon as they are received. The next Technical Task

Team meeting is scheduled to be held on 18 May 2018 to prepare for the OEWG meeting on 15 June 2018.

Communication and Outreach

Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition policy recommendations

The graphic layout versions of the Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition policy recommendations are now online in all languages at these links:

English: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877EN/i8877en.pdf	Arabic: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877AR/i8877ar.pdf
French: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877FR/i8877fr.pdf	Chinese: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877ZH/i8877zh.pdf
Spanish: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877ES/i8877es.pdf	Russian: http://www.fao.org/3/I8877RU/i8877ru.pdf

Bureau and Advisory Group Members are invited to share these links with their constituencies.

FAO and CFS-RAI

FAO is currently working on several projects and activities to support the application of the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI). With support from the Swiss Government, FAO is developing capacities for youth and responsible investment in sub-Saharan Africa. This work includes the supporting capacity identification in Uganda, the SADC region and Côte d'Ivoire, through the use of a unique tool that can be reused in other countries (both developing and developed). Publication of the tool with guiding annotations expected in late 2018.

Chair's outreach activities

The CFS Chair has been participating in all FAO Regional conferences (Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific) to meet Governments and other stakeholders, and to present the work of CFS.

The Chair also participated in the Coordination and Management Meeting of ECOSOC to present the report of CFS44. Back-to-back the CFS Chair met with several stakeholders in New York and Washington DC to foster collaboration and coordination in the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the Zero Hunger Goal.

The Chair also participated in other meetings and events in Rome.

HLPE

Report #13 on Multistakeholder Partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda

The Project Team is currently working on the V2 draft of the report, inserting the feedback received from 10 external peer-reviewers. The V2 draft of the report will be submitted for approval to the HLPE Steering Committee, during its next meeting in May. The public launch of the report is currently scheduled for 27 June 2018 morning in FAO HQ (Red Room).

Report #14 on Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition

The Project Team for this report was appointed on 20 February 2018. The team has started its work on the report and will have their first face-to-face meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15 to 18 May.