Swiss comments to ToRs of the CFS Secretary

The Committee on World Food Security constitutes the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings.

The Secretary of the CFS will lead the work of the CFS Secretariat, which is jointly supported by the Rome-Based Agencies, in support of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies and working groups.

Under the overall guidance of the CFS Chair and, according to Bureau’s deliberations and decisions in collaboration with the Rome-Based Agencies, and under the administrative supervision of the responsible FAO manager, the incumbent will:

- Manage and supervise the CFS Secretariat;
- Exercise overall supervision of the CFS Secretariat’s support to the High Level Panel of Experts;
- Manage, monitor, report on and be accountable for the CFS budget;
- Lead the design and implementation of the CFS Resource Mobilization Strategy and funding for the activities of CFS;
- Lead the updates to and implementation of the CFS Communication Strategy as well as the development of mechanism for systematic communication among CFS stakeholders and the dissemination of CFS publications;
- Ensure technical, administrative and logistical support to the CFS Chair and the Chairs of the different working groups and technical task teams;
- Supervise and provide technical inputs in the preparation of CFS publications, working documents and meetings;
- Engage in global policy dialogues beyond the CFS meetings to promote the CFS platform in the context of delivery on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Ensure that the Heads of the three Rome Based Agencies (RBAs) are kept informed on the work of the Committee through the appropriate channels;
- Engage with RBA focal points to ensure that CFS policy products are appropriately disseminated across the RBA constituencies, including at country level to improve FSN outcomes.

As CFS is hosted in FAO, the Secretary is subject to FAO Rules and Regulations. Her/his performance is assessed jointly by the RBAs in consultation with the CFS Chair.

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