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**[NOTE FOR THE BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP MEETING: This document will become the “Guide to CFS 46” (CFS2019/46/Inf 2) which will contain additional information developed by the Secretariat including session guidelines where appropriate.]**

**The CFS 46 Provisional Agenda and Timetable are included at the end of this document for the convenience of the Bureau and Advisory Group]**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is from 14-18 October 2019 and will be held at FAO, Rome, Italy. It is the first major global meeting on food security and nutrition following the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Summit in New York from the 24-25 September. Eradicating hunger and malnutrition in all of its forms is further away now than it was in the past decade. In 2018, for the third consecutive year, the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) reported a rise in world hunger and a reversal of trends after a prolonged decline. In recognition of this, the theme of CFS 46 will be:

## Accelerating Progress on SDG 2 to Achieve All the SDGs

### II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**[The SOFI 2019 numbers and content is under strict embargo until its launch in New York on 15 July. After the launch, summary text and any updated figures will be included.]**



This session, as well as an update on the policy implications of SOFI 2019, will offer the heads of the Rome-based agencies and others an opportunity to share their views and recommendations on the way forward and how CFS fits into accelerating progress on SDG2.

**CFS 46 greenhouse gas emissions will be offset by a contribution to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change platform.**

The session will open with statements by the following or their delegates: the UN Secretary-General, the CFS Chairperson, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee.

Following their statements, a presentation of the SOFI 2019 Report will be made highlighting any policy implications. After this delegates will have the opportunity to make interventions.

### III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED

The focus of this session will be on good practices in SDG implementation as well as on understanding the systemic determinants that are slowing progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



The session will feature a keynote from the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Ms Hilal Elver, who will share the highlights of her thematic report on “Realizing the Right to Food in the time of the SDGs”. A question and answer session with a representative from New York (tbc) will give delegates the opportunity to ask questions about the SDGs or contribute their own experiences. The session will also feature a moderated panel discussion which will include representatives from the 2019 Voluntary National Review (VNR) countries, the CFS Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) and the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).

### IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN

This session marks the International Day of Rural Women which is on 15 October.

Rural women make up a quarter of the world’s population and they grow much of our food, strengthen our economies and build climate resilience. A keynote will be given by Ms Sirebara Fatoumata Diallo, the Vice-President of the National Federation of Rural Women (FENAFER) of Mali. She is also founder of the National Union of Women Working in the Fish Sector and has been President of the National Union of Cooperative Societies of Women Farmers of Mali. Fatoumata practices market gardening on tables and raises fish in home bins, activities which she shares with women and young girls. Fatoumata has organized a rural credit savings system which connects women and girls with microfinance institutions. She sees the schooling of young rural girls and the children of fisherfolk as a major challenge.



Following her keynote address, delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions related to the challenges rural women face in achieving food security and nutrition for themselves, their families, and their communities.

## V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

The aim of this session is to underscore the importance of nutrition in global, regional and national food systems including the ongoing process of developing the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. In the second part there will be a progress report on the follow up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2).

### a) Towards the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

Malnutrition is one of the greatest challenges that countries face today and urgent action is required to address its negative impacts. CFS is leading a policy process which is expected to result in Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition that will provide evidence-based guidance on effective policies, investments and institutional arrangements to address malnutrition in all its forms.

Food systems and dietary choices are the major contributors to people's nutritional status. The Voluntary Guidelines are intended to propose policy, institutional and behavioural changes that promote sustainable food systems and enable healthy diets. They aim at contributing to the implementation of coordinated actions across multiple sectors to address the complexity of food systems and policy fragmentation, while also addressing challenges of social, environmental and social sustainability.

In addition to an update on the CFS Voluntary Guidelines consultation process, this session will provide an opportunity to discuss ways to promote their uptake after endorsement at CFS 47 in 2020. This includes ways to foster policy coherence and dialogue between the different institutions and sectors who are part of, and influence, food systems.

### b) ICN 2 Progress Reporting

In 2014 at ICN2, FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) committed to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms and articulated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition a common vision for global action. They also agreed on a voluntary Framework for Action to achieve these commitments. In 2016, CFS agreed to allocate time every two years in its annual session to discuss progress in implementing ICN2 policies and actions which are relevant to CFS. Following the first progress report at CFS 44, a further progress report will be presented by FAO and WHO.



## VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

This session will present the outcomes of two CFS intersessional events on “The Food Security and Nutritional Impacts of Urbanization and Rural Transformation on Lower Income Groups” and “Promoting Youth and Women Engagement and Employment in Food Systems across the Rural-urban Continuum”.



## VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA

Multistakeholder partnerships are expected to play an important role in financing food security and nutrition, and the whole 2030 Agenda, through leveraging additional funds including from the private sector and philanthropic organizations.



This session will focus on knowledge and lesson-sharing on effective multistakeholder partnerships at different scales. In addition to a brief recap of the HLPE Report’s recommendations, a panel will discuss specific examples of multistakeholder partnerships and what makes them effective in financing and improving food security and nutrition at the national, regional and global levels as well as some of the challenges they face.

The HLPE Report on “Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda” was launched in 2018 and discussed at CFS 45.

## VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND OTHER INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THAT ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

The HLPE Report on “Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition” will be launched in early July 2019.

In a moderated panel CFS stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss the policy relevant issues in the report and give guidance on the anticipated policy convergence process that will start after CFS 46.



**IX. MARKING THE KICK OFF OF THE UN DECADE ON FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028**

In this session a discussion will be held looking at ways that family farmers contribute to the SDGs as well as how CFS policy guidelines and recommendations can be used to support the Decade’s Global Action Plan as well as the regional and national levels.



Family farming produces over 80% of the world’s food, while also improving environmental sustainability and preserving and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems. The UN Decade for Family Farming, which is running from 2019 – 2028, builds on the success of the International Year of Family Farming in 2014. FAO and IFAD are the lead UN agencies for the Decade which was launched in May 2019. The Decade will focus the efforts of the international community to work collectively on the design and implementation of comprehensive economic, environmental and social policies in order to create a conducive environment for family farming. To mark the decade a “Family Farming Package” of CFS policy guidelines and recommendations has been put together:

## CFS FAMILY FARMING PACKAGE

Voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure

Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition

Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems

Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition

Connecting Smallholders to Markets

Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security

**X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023**

This session, moderated by the CFS Chair, will conclude consultations carried out during the intersessional period with the final endorsement of the first CFS four-year Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW). In line with the Independent Evaluation, CFS stakeholders will have the opportunity to highlight their priorities and reflect on how CFS, by tackling hunger and malnutrition in all of its forms, will spur achievement of the SDGs.



Following the guidance provided by the CFS Evaluation and subsequent Implementation Report, the process started at CFS 45 in 2018 with a plenary discussion on critical and emerging issues. A number of

preliminary proposals were submitted by CFS Members and Participants and presented at the First MYPoW open Meeting in early 2019. The resulting MYPoW is comprehensive and realistic taking into account a strategic four year vision, the resources needed for implementation, and resource mobilization potential.

## XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SMALLHOLDERS

Smallholders are the most numerous category of family farmers and are the main contributors to food security and nutrition. As well as playing an essential role in ensuring food security and nutrition locally and worldwide, they also contribute to a vast range of benefits such as maintaining employment, reducing poverty, and enhancing the sustainable management of natural resources.



This CFS 46 monitoring event will take stock of the uptake of three thematically related CFS policy recommendations that provide overall policy guidance to support smallholder agriculture. A panel will look into how CFS policy guidance for smallholders supports the achievement of the SDGs and contributes to the UN Decade on Family farming. The policy recommendations are:



Connecting Smallholders to Markets



Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock?



Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security

The event is informed by the experiences and good practices of a broad range of stakeholders in the use and application of these policy recommendations. Some 50 submissions have been received from various stakeholders and are summarized in CFS2019/46/Inf 20 “Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Smallholders: Summary of Stakeholder Contributions”. The full submissions as sent by stakeholders will be posted on the CFS 46 Session page in original language.

## XII OTHER MATTERS

During this item the incoming CFS Chairperson will be elected for a two year term, as will the incoming Bureau and Alternates. The CFS 46 Final Report will also be adopted.



CFS 46 Special Event: Friday 18 October 10.00 - 13.00, Red Room

This Special Event, organized by the Secretariat, will give the opportunity for youth delegates at CFS 46 to say how they think CFS is contributing to achieving the SDGs and their ideas for accelerating SDG 2. They will also provide their highlights of the Plenary sessions and Side Events. [The Secretariat will consult with the CSM, PSM and other stakeholders on the participation of youth delegations in this event.]



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

## Forty-sixth Session

*"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"*

Rome, Italy, 14-18 October 2019

## AGENDA



### Timekeeping and High Level Participation

CFS 46 provides the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are strongly discouraged. A traffic light system will be in place to help delegates manage their time. Delegates with statements longer than three minutes may email them to [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org) and they will be posted in the statement section of the CFS 46 webpage (in original language).

In the event that a Member State's statement will be delivered by a Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary of State (or their equivalent), they will be given priority in the speaker's list, provided the Secretariat is informed in writing in advance.

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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*for decision*)
- b) Membership of the Committee (*for information*)
- c) Drafting Committee Composition (*for decision*)

### Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/1 - CFS 46 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.1 - CFS 46 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.2 - Guide to CFS 46

## II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (*for information and discussion*)

- a) Opening Statement by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 46 Session document webpage:
  - The UN Secretary-General
  - The CFS Chairperson
  - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
  - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
  - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
  - The Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee
- b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 (SOFI 2019), and any policy implications in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), followed by delegate statements.

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the presentation and the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

### Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.13 - State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report 2019
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.14 - Sustainable Development Goals Summit Outcome Document: Political Declaration of Heads of State and Government (when available)

## III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED (*for information and discussion*)

Lessons learned on how CFS, in the ten years since its reform in 2009, is contributing to the SDGs with a focus on accelerating progress, including a keynote address by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Ms Hilal Elver.

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

### Background documents:

#### **IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN** *(for information)*

Marking the International Day of Rural Women and examining ways these women are contributing substantially to food security and nutrition.

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

#### **V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION** *(for information and discussion)*

- a) An update will be provided on the preparation process towards the development of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, including the next steps in the process.
- b) A second progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will be made.

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

##### Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/2 - Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/3 - Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

#### **VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION** *(for information and discussion)*

The outcomes of two intersessional CFS events on “The Food Security and Nutritional Impacts of Urbanization and Rural Transformation on Lower Income Groups” and “Promoting Youth and Women Engagement and Employment in Food Systems across the Rural-urban Continuum” will be discussed.

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

##### Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/4 - Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Summary of the 2018-19 Intersessional Events

**VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA**  
*(for discussion)*

The Committee will discuss the potential benefits and limitations of multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the Agenda 2030. The discussion will be based on an HLPE Report (2018) and concrete experiences provided by CFS stakeholders.

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.15 - HLPE Report (2018) on Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

**VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND OTHER INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THAT ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**  
*(for discussion)*

An opportunity for CFS stakeholders to provide feedback and input on the content of any CFS policy convergence process.

Background documents:

- CFS 2019/46/5 - Summary and Recommendations of the HLPE Report on Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.16 - HLPE (2019) on Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

**IX. MARKING THE KICK OFF OF THE UN DECADE ON FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028**  
*(for information)*

The Committee will reflect on the importance of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming and how family farmers are contributing to global food security and nutrition.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

**X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023**  
*(for decision)*

The Committee will endorse and launch the strategic Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023 which defines its objectives, expected outcomes, ways to achieve them, and their relevance to the SDGs.

**FINAL REPORT:** The decision and a summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

**Background documents:**

- CFS 2019/46/6 - Draft Decision on the Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023
- CFS 2019/46/7 - Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.17 - CFS Annual Progress Report 2018-2019

**XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
SMALLHOLDERS  
(for discussion)**

The Committee will discuss the use and application of the following CFS policy recommendations, considering the Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions, endorsed at CFS 43 (CFS 2016/43/7):

- a) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 40 in 2013
- b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets, endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016
- c) Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016

**FINAL REPORT:** A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

**Background documents:**

- CFS 2019/46/Inf.18 - Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Smallholders: Summary of Stakeholder Contributions
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.19 - Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.20 - Connecting Smallholders to Markets
- CFS 2019/46/Inf.21 - Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?

**XII. OTHER MATTERS**

- a) Arrangements for the Forty-seventh Session of CFS (*for decision*)
- b) Election of the Chair, Bureau Members and Alternates (*for decision*)
- c) Adoption of Final Report (*for decision*)



All sessions are in Plenary Hall, 3rd Floor Building A, FAO unless otherwise noted

	Monday 14 October	Tuesday 15 October	Wednesday 16 October	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
10.00 - 13.00	I. Organizational Matters	IV. Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women	World Food Day Observance*	IX. Marking The Kick-off of the UN Decade on Family Farming 2019-2028	Special Event: Highlights of CFS 46  RED ROOM
	II. State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019, its Policy Implications and the Sustainable Development Goals	V. Food Systems and Nutrition		X. The CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023	
15.00 - 18.00	III. CFS and the Sustainable Development Goals: Lessons Learned	VI. Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition	VIII. Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems That Enhance Food Security and Nutrition	XI. Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Smallholders	XII. Other Matters
		VII. Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition			
		II. State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 continued			

\* Arrangements pending