

## CFS 46 Side Events

The Expression of Interest for a Side Event at CFS 46 and the Side Event Request form will be on the CFS 46 web page before the Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting of 4 March.

## Food Systems and Nutrition

An Open Meeting on Food Systems and Nutrition took place on 25 January to discuss the different elements of the HLPE Report and to reach a greater understanding of the different aspects to be taken into account in the course of the CFS policy convergence process.

Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project Team Leader, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the food systems framework and typologies introduced in the HLPE Report.

The presentation by Ms Fanzo, the link to the webcast and the Chair's Summary of the meeting are available in the CFS Food Systems and Nutrition section of the Working Space.

The preliminary version of the Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines will be discussed at the OEWG meeting scheduled on Friday 8 March 2019 (14.00-17.00, Green Room, FAO). CFS stakeholders will be invited to provide comments, inputs and suggestions on how to improve it. They will also be given the opportunity to provide written feedback to inform the finalization of the Zero Draft that will be presented and discussed during the regional multistakeholder consultations.

The CFS Secretariat is working on the organization of the regional multistakeholder consultations with the objective to define the schedule of the five meetings in the next few weeks. Regular discussions are being held with regional offices to define and address all the details behind the organization of the consultations. A plan defining dates and venues and providing relevant information to the participants will be shared soon.

## CFS and Agenda 2030

Sid Ahmed M. Alamain Hamid (Sudan) has been nominated as the facilitator for the SDG workstream.

## Monitoring

### ***CFS Plenary event at CFS 46 in October 2019 on the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations***

The call for inputs from stakeholders was issued on 21 January 2019 through the [Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum](#). The call will close on 22 April 2019. The inputs provided will inform the preparation of the CFS 46 event. Members of the Bureau and Advisory Group are encouraged to disseminate the call amongst their constituencies.

The objective of the CFS 46 event is to take stock of the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations:

- Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security (endorsed in 2013);
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets (endorsed in 2016);
- Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? (endorsed in 2016).

***Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 in October 2020 on the use and application of the Framework For Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis***

The objective of the 2020 Global Thematic Event (GTE) is to take stock of the use and application of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis (CFS-FFA) endorsed in 2015

The first meeting of the Technical Task Team to prepare for the CFS 47 GTE was held on 23 January 2019 to develop two calls for inputs to CFS stakeholders:

- Call to report the results of multistakeholder consultations organized at national, regional and global levels to discuss experiences and good practices in using the CFS-FFA. The call is planned to be issued in the second half of February 2019 (until end of March 2020);
- Call to report experiences and good practices in using the CFS-FFA. The call is planned to be issued mid-September 2019 (until end of March 2020) through the Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum.

## HLPE

***Report #13 on Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda***

The translation of this HLPE Report #13 was completed and made available [on the HLPE website](#) on 14 February. Hard copies of the report in all the UN languages are available on request from the HLPE Secretariat.

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

The full proceedings of the open e-consultation on the V0 draft, as well as the Synthesis realized by the HLPE Secretariat (19 December 2018) are available online on the HLPE website:

<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/reports/report-14-elaboration-process/en/>

The peer-review process of the V1 draft is currently ongoing. A V2 draft will then be produced and submitted for validation by the Steering Committee during their next meeting scheduled mid-April 2019. The public launch of this report in FAO HQ Rome is currently planned for the afternoon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2019. The event is also on the RBA calendar. A save the date will be sent out in the coming weeks.

***Report #15 on Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030***

As requested by several CFS Members and Participants, this consultation was extended until the 21 January. The full proceedings of this consultation are available online a this link:

[http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/discussions/global\\_FSN\\_narrative.](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/discussions/global_FSN_narrative.)

An HLPE Secretariat Synthesis of this consultation will be published online as soon as possible.

### ***HLPE Steering Committee Renewal***

The nomination process of the future 5th HLPE StC was initiated after last CFS Plenary, by an open call for nomination of experts. As of today, the call is closed and the Secretariat is now compiling all the applications. Experts nominated will be contacted in the coming days with a request to provide some additional information.

As per [CFS Rules of Procedure \(Rule V paragraph 4\)](#) an Ad-Hoc Technical Selection Panel (AHTSC), consisting of representatives of FAO, WFP, IFAD, Bioversity International (CGIAR) and a representative of civil society organizations, will make a proposal for the composition of the HLPE Steering Committee to the CFS Bureau for discussion and decision during its meeting of 17 May 2019.

On the 12th of February, the HLPE Secretariat received the last nominations to the AHTSC, which completes and forms the Steering Committee. In the next weeks, the HLPE Secretariat will contact the AHTSC to organize the meeting(s) to examine the candidatures.

### Outreach activities

From February 5-7 2019, the CFS Chair took part in the 2nd Global Conference of the One Planet (10YFP) Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) Programme, in San José, Costa Rica. Under the theme, 'Good Food for People and the Planet, working together towards 2030', the conference's participants discussed how to strengthen multistakeholder action for the transformation to sustainable food systems. The aim was to trigger increased political commitment to design and implement enabling policies at all levels.

At the conference, the Chair called upon all stakeholders to adopt a sustainable food systems approach to promote sustainable consumption and production towards the achievement of the Agenda 2030.

On his way back to Rome, the Chair made a stop-over in New York to hold bilaterals with the group of Friends of FSN, the President of the General Assembly and her Chef de Cabinet, and the Directors of the RBAs offices in New York. Amongst other issues, they discussed the contribution of CFS to HLPF 2019 and the CFS report to ECOSOC.