

**Potential process for developing and using a global policy response to Covid in the CFS.
Input to 2 June AG/Bureau meeting**

The process will operate within the SOs as defined in the MYPow:

1. SO1: exchange and assess evidence from MSs, participants and other relevant actors, providing guidance for short-term responses to the Covid 19 pandemic.
2. SO2: building on the above and on the work of the HLPE, develop medium and long-term global policy guidance responding to the Covid 19 pandemic.
3. SO3: develop an innovative tool to monitor food system and nutrition crises and promote the use and monitoring of the Covid policy guidance and other relevant CFS policy outcomes.

It will draw on already planned inputs without occasioning additions to the MYPow:

- The HLPE 'narratives' report, which will draw lessons from the Covid pandemic, and the updated Covid issues paper will provide a solid basis of analysis and recommendations for a policy convergence process in the CFS.
- The collection of first-hand evidence in the CFS (SO1 above) will feed into the process of updating the HLPE issues paper and will accompany the successive phases of policy convergence.

Outcomes:

- The October 2020 CFS events to include a two-day Extraordinary Session with participation by ministers and most affected constituencies, to testify to the CFS's proactive attention to the pandemic. The guidance provided would acknowledge the evolving nature of the situation and incorporate a monitoring process to track evolutions and update the guidance accordingly.
- For the longer term, CFS 47 would mandate development of a framework for monitoring the emergence of future crises and policy guidance on how to seek to prevent them.
- Integration of the Covid issues into current and future workstreams of the MYPow to be assured.

Process:

- FOC finalizes a proposal for discussion in the AG/Bureau and adoption by Bureau. An extra meeting in late June/early July should be scheduled to discuss it and name a facilitator.
- Virtual discussions among MSs, CSM, PSM and other CFS participants structured around the recommendations of the HLPE reports, ensuring balanced regional participation.
- HLPE prepares updated recommendations taking the above into account.
- Based on HLPE recommendations, the facilitator, assisted by a TT including CSM, PSM and the RBAs, prepares a draft document/decision box for discussion during the High-Level event in October 2020/CFS47. To be reviewed by AG/Bureau, and by a once-off OEWG if in-presence meetings are possible.
- Global policy response to Covid to be systematically brought to bear on on-going and future CFS workstreams and plan to be prepared to promote uptake of Covid policy response and other relevant CFS policy outcomes.

Calendar/timeline

- Depending on scheduling of CFS 47 and on the possibility to have in presence negotiations