

CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS FOR NUTRITION – VGFSyN

MODALITIES AND DATES FOR FRIENDS OF THE CHAIR MEETINGS

Following a first round of negotiations on the VGFSyN held 7-11 September 2020, several "Friends of the Chair" (FOC) meetings will take place between October and November.

The objective of these informal meetings is to develop compromises/informal consensus on a number of paragraphs which will be presented to the entire Open-Ended Working Group for consideration for the second round of negotiations (dates to be determined). We will work via the principle 'nothing is agreed till everything is agreed'.

The basis for discussions during these FOC meetings will be a Chair's proposal, reflecting inputs and proposals received from CFS stakeholders in the first round of negotiations.

This Chair's proposal will be circulated before the first FOC meeting, in order to give time to CFS stakeholders to study its content.

Draft agendas will be shared for each FOC meeting with CFS stakeholders a couple of days in advance of each meeting.

The proposed modalities for debate are as follows:

- a) The Chair's proposal will be projected on the screen for consideration by CFS stakeholders;
- b) Based on interventions, a revised Chair's proposal will be formulated and projected on the screen, for which the Chair will seek informal consensus. If no informal consensus is reached the Chair's text remains as it is within brackets;
- c) Proposals from Participants that do not find Member state support, will not be further considered;
- d) In line with standard practices and regulations, these Friends of the Chair meetings will be conducted in English only.

Details regarding virtual negotiations

- a) Zoom calls will be set up for each session for all nominated members of the Friends of the Chair group who will be given a password to access the sessions;
- b) Using virtual means, we will try to come as close to regular physical meetings of Groups of Friends within the UN and CFS.
- c) On each of the paragraphs discussed, up to 5 member states of regional groups and up to 2 members of stakeholders can take the floor;

- d) Observers will be allowed to access virtual sessions, pending registration, in line with paragraph 13 of the CFS Reform Document;
- e) All participants in the virtual meeting will be visible to one another and will be able to turn their video and audio on/off. All participants are encouraged to remain in mute mode unless given the floor to speak, and to keep their video on to ensure transparency and inclusiveness;
- f) All participants are requested to use the RENAME function to list their name and Member Nation or Participant constituency/affiliation;
- g) The text of the document will be projected by the CFS Secretariat through the “share screen” option; Screen sharing by others will be disabled.
- h) Delegates of the same constituency are requested to coordinate in advance to avoid multiple interventions on the same item.

Schedule for Friends of the Chair meetings

- Friday, 9 October (13.00-17.00)
- Monday, 19 October (13.00-17.00)
- Friday, 23 October (13.00-17.00)
- Monday, 26 October (13.00-17.00)
- Friday, 30 October (13.00-17.00)
- Friday, 6 November (13.00-17.00)