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Annotation of the Provisional Agenda

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CFS 44 Session Times and Location

- Morning: 10.00 -13.00
- Afternoon: 15.00 – 18.00
- Wednesday 11th October: evening session from 18.30 -20.00

All CFS Plenary Sessions are in Plenary Hall, 3rd Floor, Building A, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy.

The CFS 44 Information Marketplace will take place in the Atrium, Ground floor, FAO. It will open at 8.30 on Monday 9 October and close on Friday 13 October at 15.00.

CFS is Greening

In line with the "Greening the Blue" initiative to make UN meetings more environmentally friendly, CFS 44 will be Papersmart. As in previous years all CFS background documents are [available electronically](#). The document desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (Building A, 1st Floor) will serve as a Print-On-Demand centre during the period 9-13 October from 8.30 to 18.00. There are two options for requesting printed copies:

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS *(For decision)*

- a) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
- b) Membership of the Committee
- c) Drafting Committee Composition

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/1	Provisional Agenda
CFS 2017/44/Inf.1	Provisional Timetable
CFS 2017/44/Inf.2	Annotation of the Provisional Agenda (this document)

II. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The first day of CFS is dedicated to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how CFS can help achieve them.

a) Opening Statements

(For information)

The following, or their delegates, will make brief 5 minute opening statements:

- CFS Chair Ms Amira Gornass, Opening Statement
- Video message from the United Nations Secretary-General Mr António Guterres and statement by Mr Fabrizio Hochschild, UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination
- Mr José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO),
- Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
- Mr Patrick Caron, Steering Committee Chair, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)

b) Keynote and Moderated Discussion on the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World

(For information and discussion)

Moderated by BBC Presenter, Ms Lucy Hockings.

Keynote address: Mr John Agyekum Kufuor, Former President of the Republic of Ghana

Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition

Delivering on the 2030 Agenda through sustainable food systems: the role of country leadership and global governance

Mr John Agyekum Kufuor is a world leader who has championed efforts to end hunger. His keynote will focus on the role of governance and leadership in transforming food systems so they can deliver food security and improved nutrition for all.

Mr Marco Sanchez Cantillo, Deputy Director Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)*The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, published on 15 September 2017, includes for the first time an expanded partnership, with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO) now joining FAO, IFAD and WFP. This year's report warns that the long-term declining trend in undernourishment seems to have come to a halt and may have reversed.

Mr Ahmed Bin Ahmed Al-Maisary, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Yemen*Hearing from those most affected by the impending famines*

Four different countries are at risk of impending famine threatening unprecedented levels of hunger for tens of millions of people in northeastern Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen. A representative from one of these four countries will inform delegates of the situation on the ground highlighting what the greatest challenges are to making progress on food security and nutrition even during times of crisis. After the keynote address and preliminary remarks from other speakers, the moderator will encourage interaction between speakers, and between speakers and delegates around the key issues and themes arising. In the Plenary discussion it is expected to hear from civil society, the private sector and other CFS stakeholders in addition to Members. Those wishing to intervene should make their interventions relevant and to the point in order to allow as much interactivity as possible.

The discussion is relevant to finalizing the CFS contribution to the 2018 global follow-up and review of progress in the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.14	State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World
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c) [Lessons Learned Implementing the 2030 Agenda](#)*(For information and discussion)*

National governments who participated in the 2017 HLPF Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) in New York were invited to send CFS inputs related to food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, ideally prepared in conjunction with national stakeholders. Azerbaijan, Belgium, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Italy and Sweden sent inputs which are included in the background document (CFS 2017/44/Inf.15).

In an interactive discussion moderated by Mr Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), representatives of the countries that sent in contributions will be asked to briefly share a few national experiences on key national strategies and first results, as well as bottlenecks, policy gaps encountered, and lessons learned so far.

Delegates will then be encouraged to respond or complement what they hear to create a dialogue identifying good practices and challenges to address. Formal statements are not anticipated for this session.

The outcomes of the session can inform future CFS contributions to reviews by the HLPF, and inspire further reflection on how CFS can most effectively support the effort of countries to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.15	Lessons Learned Implementing the 2030 Agenda
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d) [CFS and the 2030 Agenda: Reflections from the High Level Political Forum 2017 and Contribution to HLPF 2018](#)
(For decision)

As part of its decision to put the achievement of the SDGs at the centre of its work, CFS contributes to the global follow-up and review of progress on SDGs by sending inputs to the HLPF when relevant. This session, which closes the CFS 44 SDG day, seeks to discuss the outcomes of the 2017 HLPF and how CFS can strengthen its support to countries and accelerate its impact going forward.

The 2017 HLPF review was held under the theme “*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*” on 10-19 July 2017 in New York, and focused on in-depth reviews of SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17. Members and stakeholders are invited to discuss the outcomes of the HLPF review which CFS supported with a contribution developed through inclusive processes and activities. Among these outcomes, the Committee is also invited to consider the [ministerial declaration](#) coming out of the HLPF, and discuss how CFS, through increased engagement and coordination and other activities, can further accelerate the commitment of countries.

This reflection will be followed by a discussion to agree the Committee’s contribution to the 2018 review with the theme “*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*”. Members and stakeholders are invited to consider how to keep food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture-related issues high on the agenda by stressing the interlinkages between CFS and SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. The discussion is supported by a document prepared by the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the SDGs in the intersessional period, chaired by Mr Willem Olthof (European Union), based on CFS policy guidance and submitted to the Committee for decision.

Finally, CFS Members and participants will be asked to agree on the process to prepare, in 2018, the contribution to the 2019 HLPF review under the theme “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/2	CFS Contribution to the High Level Political Forum 2018 - with Draft Decision
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III. CFS AND NUTRITION

The second day of CFS is nutrition day.

a) [Launch of HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems](#)
(For information and discussion)

At CFS 42 in 2015, CFS mandated the Bureau to finalise the area of focus for, and request the HLPE to prepare, a report on “Nutrition and Food Systems” presented at this session by HLPE project team leader Ms Jessica Fanzo.

Building on existing work and initiatives including previous HLPE reports, the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and the 2030 Agenda, the HLPE report synthesizes current and available independent evidence-based knowledge on the dynamic relation between nutrition and food systems, highlights knowledge gaps, and identifies policy implications to guide the changes needed for reshaping food systems to improve nutrition and enable healthy diets.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.16	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report on Nutrition and Food Systems
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b) [Update on Reporting of the Second International Conference on Nutrition](#)
(For information and discussion)

CFS 43 in 2016 endorsed the strategy "[CFS engagement in advancing nutrition](#)" (CFS 2016/43/9), which foresees CFS work to advance global nutrition efforts along three interconnected and mutually reinforcing functions: policy convergence; lessons and good practice sharing; and tracking progress on nutrition.

Under the third function of tracking progress, CFS agreed to provide space to discuss progress in implementing policies and actions relevant to CFS with ICN2 progress reporting beginning at CFS 44 and then every two years during the Decade of Action on Nutrition.

Ms Anna Lartey, Director of the Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO and Ms Chizuru Nishida, Coordinator, Nutrition Policy and Scientific Advice, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO will present the progress made in following up on ICN2 commitments and in implementing the Decade of Action on Nutrition. CFS Members and stakeholders are invited to discuss progress and consider it in light of forthcoming CFS policy convergence work on nutrition.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.17	Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action and Nutrition
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c) [Good Practices and Lesson Sharing for Improved Nutrition](#)
(For information and discussion)

Moderated by BBC Presenter, Ms Lucy Hockings.

This session will discuss lessons learned and share good practices among governments and other stakeholders on investments for healthy food systems as a contribution to implementing the lesson sharing function under the strategy "CFS engagement in advancing nutrition".

A global call for contributions was placed through the [Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition](#) (FSN Forum). It was open from 11 April to 19 May 2017 and received 34 examples covering 28 countries. A panel drawn from those who contributed to the global call will highlight their key messages in an interactive discussion where delegates are also invited to share and discuss their experiences. The outcomes of the discussion may inform forthcoming CFS policy-relevant work on nutrition.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.18	Good Practices and Lesson Sharing for Improved Nutrition: Investments for Healthy Food Systems
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d) [CFS Advancing Nutrition including the Decade of Action on Nutrition](#)
(For decision)

As the last session on the CFS 44 nutrition day, the Committee is asked to confirm the basis for CFS work on nutrition and its contribution to collective efforts under the framework of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition, as prepared by the OEWG on Nutrition chaired by Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt). In particular, building on the discussions throughout nutrition day, the Committee is invited to consider key issues that should be prioritized for policy convergence to create enabling environments for health and sustainable food systems. **Plenary will be asked to** give guidance to the OEWG as it continues its work in the next inter sessional period.

Background documents:

CFS 2017/44/3	CFS Engagement Advancing Nutrition including the Decade of Action on Nutrition - Draft Decision
CFS 2017/44/Inf.19/Rev.1	CFS Intersessional Nutrition Activities: Summaries

IV. POLICY CONVERGENCE

a) [Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition](#)
(For discussion and decision)

Forests and trees contribute to food security and nutrition in multiple ways. They provide wood, energy, foods and other products. They generate income and employment for many people, often the most vulnerable. They deliver ecosystem services vital for food security and nutrition in the long term, including water and carbon cycle regulation and protection of biodiversity. These contributions vary according to types of forests and the way they are managed. Increasing and competing demands on land, forests and trees create new challenges and opportunities and impact food security and nutrition.

Mr Terence Sunderland, HLPE project team leader will provide an overview of the main policy relevant evidence in the HLPE report that was launched in June 2017, with particular attention to those areas

where divergent evidence and policy responses were found and Mr François Pythoud (Switzerland), Rapporteur of the CFS policy convergence process on forestry, will present the proposed CFS policy outcomes for Plenary endorsement. Mr. Akram Chehayeb, Chair of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) will discuss how the work carried out by CFS can be used in the context of the ongoing work of COFO.

The CFS Plenary is expected to endorse a policy outcome guidance on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition. This session will enable a forward-looking discussion focused on how to address the key issues outlined in the HLPE report and subsequent CFS policy guidance, and discuss experiences and lessons learned in applying different approaches. Views on how to operationalize the endorsed CFS policy guidance are encouraged.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/4	Proposed Draft Recommendations on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition
CFS 2017/44/5	Summary and Recommendations of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition
CFS 2017/44/Inf.20	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition

b) [Outcomes of the Forum on Women's Empowerment in the Contest of Food Security and Nutrition](#) (For decision)

Gender equality and women's empowerment are central to achieving the CFS vision to achieve food security for all. This raises levels of nutrition, improves agricultural productivity and natural resource management, and improves the lives of people in rural areas who have full and equitable participation in decision-making. Without gender equality and rural women's economic, social and political empowerment, food security will not be achieved.

On 25 September 2017 CFS held a [Forum on Women's Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition](#) in FAO, Rome. At the Forum, CFS stakeholders discussed the legal and policy instruments identified as particularly relevant within the context of the agriculture and agrifood sector challenges, as well as gaps and barriers that hinder progress in women's economic empowerment and the achievement of gender equality.

In this session, following a keynote address by Ms Helen Hakena, Executive Director, Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency, Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, the Committee will be asked to discuss and endorse the outcomes of the Forum.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/7	CFS Forum on Women's Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Chair's Summary with Draft Outcomes
CFS 2017/44/Inf.21	CFS Forum on Women's Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition

c) [Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition](#)
(For decision)

At CFS 43 in 2016 CFS held a Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition in order to reach a better understanding of the issues at stake, identify key areas for policy attention and possible roles for CFS.

This year CFS will be invited to endorse the outcomes of the intersessional work which has been focusing on learning from experiences and effective policy approaches in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics in a one-off open ended working group chaired by Mr Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands). CFS will be invited to discuss and agree on the focus of next year's work. This item will provide an opportunity for CFS stakeholders to continue exploring and discussing the latest research findings by hearing about recent developments and the perspectives of stakeholders on priority areas within the topic of urbanization and rural transformation in relation to food security and nutrition.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/6	Addressing Food Security and Nutrition in the Context of Changing Rural-Urban Dynamics: Experiences And Effective Policy Approaches - with Draft Decision
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V. [CFS WORKSTREAMS AND ACTIVITY UPDATES](#)

a) [CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2018-2019](#)
(For decision)

As the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all, CFS needs a clear vision for the future.

The OEWG Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) was chaired by Mr Mafizur Rahman (Bangladesh). The main objective was to identify important issues in the field of food security and nutrition that require a global response and select a set of themes and activities that stand out for their relevance to the international agenda, their alignment to the mandate of CFS, and their potential impact in the field, compatible with anticipated resources. The proposed programme of work is the result of a two-year process which involved CFS Members and stakeholders who had various opportunities to contribute to its preparation through electronic means and open meetings.

The MYPoW 2018-2019 was prepared taking into account the existing workload of the Committee and based on realistic budgetary assumptions to ensure its full implementation throughout the biennium. However, the estimated resources needed already exceed the anticipated contributions from the Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD & WFP) which implies that the existing financial gap needs to be closed in order to ensure the implementation of the programme of work. This includes the work of the HLPE which is funded entirely through voluntary contributions, as is funding to support participation of non-State stakeholders in the work of CFS. The Plenary represents an appropriate space for CFS Members and stakeholders to discuss how to address this matter and consider contributions, in line with the

decision at CFS 43, encouraging all CFS Members to contribute unearmarked extrabudgetary resources to the CFS budget.

The Committee is expected to endorse its MYPoW for the biennium 2018-2019, which defines the objectives, expected outcomes, ways to achieve them and cost estimates of the activities that will be carried out in the next two years.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/8	CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2018-2019 with Draft Decision
CFS 2017/44/Inf.22	CFS Annual Progress Report 2017

**b) [Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition \(GSF\) - Periodic Update](#)
(For decision)**

The goal of the CFS Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) is to provide an overarching framework and reference point for food security and nutrition strategies, policies and actions. It is targeted at decision and policy-makers and consolidates all the CFS policy work, taking into account other existing frameworks, guidelines and processes.

The OEWG GSF Chair, Ms Fernanda Tansini (Brazil) will present the first periodic update of the GSF for endorsement by the Committee. It follows a CFS Plenary decision taken in 2013 and the indications provided in the CFS MYPoW for 2016-2017.

As a result of a two-year inclusive process, the periodic update took the form of a targeted review to incorporate new major developments in the area of food security and nutrition, particularly in Section 3, and to carry out a minor technical update of Section 4 to streamline its content, reduce its length and improve usability and effectiveness. Another result of the periodic update of the GSF is the creation of an online version which is easier to use and disseminate.

The Plenary discussion will also be an opportunity to share views and ideas on how CFS stakeholders can contribute to the dissemination of the GSF and facilitate its use by decision and policy-makers in their countries.

Background Documents:

[Online Global Strategic Framework](#)

CFS 2017/44/9	Periodic Update of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) – Draft Decision
CFS 2017/44/10/Rev.1	Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) – 2017 Edition

**c) [Monitoring the Effectiveness of CFS](#)
(For decision)**

The mandate of the OEWG on Monitoring chaired by Mr Robert Sabiiti (Uganda) was to agree how to continue monitoring the implementation of CFS policy recommendations and guidelines on a regular basis, drawing lessons from the first Global Thematic Event (GTE) on the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) held at CFS 43.

It is proposed to hold GTEs in Plenary every two years for taking stock of experiences and good practices concerning the use and application of CFS policy recommendations and guidelines. The following are the proposed GTEs:

- CFS 45 (2018) Voluntary Guidelines to support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security
- CFS 47 (2020) Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises
- CFS 49 (2022) Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems

The OEWG also proposes to monitor the other CFS policy recommendations through holding events on an ad hoc basis, considering the relevance and potential contribution of monitoring these recommendations to the global food security and nutrition agenda, and resource availability.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/11	Monitoring the Implementation of CFS Main Policy Products and Other CFS Policy Recommendations with draft decision
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VI. RESPONSE TO THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF CFS

(For decision)

The Committee commissioned an Independent Evaluation of the effectiveness of the CFS Reform that was completed in April 2017 (CFS 2017/44/Inf23). Fourteen recommendations were proposed to improve the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the Committee (CFS 2017/44/Inf 23). The process was co-facilitated by Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt) and Mr Jón Erlingur (Iceland), who were nominated by the Bureau.

The Committee is invited to endorse the Consultation Report for the Preparation of the Response of the CFS Evaluation (CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1), which includes draft decisions and response to recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. The Committee is requested to give guidance on:

- The implementation of the response to the recommendations addressed in the Consultation Report, and
- The development of the response and implementation of the remaining recommendations, with particular attention to how to increase the use and application of CFS policy guidelines and recommendations at country level.

The session will start with a presentation of the main findings and recommendations by the Evaluation Manager, Ms Angela Bester. It will be followed by a presentation of the response to recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, and the roadmap for the finalization of the Plan of Action in Response to the

Evaluation by the co-facilitators. The Committee will be invited to provide guidance on the issues above and endorse the decisions.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/12/Rev.1	Consultation Report for the Preparation of the Response to the CFS Evaluation
CFS 2017/44/Inf23	Independent Evaluation of CFS

VII. CRITICAL AND EMERGING ISSUES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

(For information and discussion)

At CFS 42 in October 2015, the Committee requested the HLPE to produce a second “Note on critical or emerging issues in the area of food security and nutrition” presented by HLPE Steering Committee Chair, Patrick Caron. This will be used as a starting point for discussing future priorities that CFS may consider addressing. The HLPE note was issued in April 2017 and informed finalization of the MYPoW (agenda item Va). It will be further discussed in this last session at CFS 44 before adoption of the Final Report. No decision or formal summary is expected and the objective is to have an open and candid discussion. The note and views emerging from discussion can be used to inform future intersessional discussions on subjects that require the attention of the Committee.

After discussion of the Critical and Emerging Issues note FAO will briefly present some of the trends and forecasts for food systems and food security, drawing on the work of FAO, to inform future CFS discussions.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.24	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Note on Critical and Emerging Issues
CFS 2017/44/Inf.25	The Future of Food and Agriculture

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Arrangements for the CFS 45 in 2018 *(For decision)*
- b) Election of the Chair, Bureau Members and Alternates *(For decision)*
- c) Adoption of Final Report *(For decision)*

The arrangements for CFS 45 in 2018 will be decided and the incoming Chair, Bureau and Alternates will be elected.

The Final Report of the Session will be adopted.

Background Documents:

CFS 2017/44/Inf.26	Election of the CFS Chair
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