**COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY**

Forty-fifth Session

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 15-19 October 2018

GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY: SESSION GUIDELINES

**Opening remarks**

The CFS Chair, Mr. Mario Arvelo, opens the session and hands over to Ms. Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa), Chair of the Open Ended Working Group on Monitoring who introduces the Global Thematic Event on the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (the Guidelines).

**I. SETTING THE STAGE**

1. Mr. Michael Windfuhr, the moderator of the event, outlines the agenda, objectives, expected results and overview of the information provided in the submissions.

2. Keynote presentations will be delivered by:
   - Mr. Kostas G. Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO
   - Ms. Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
   - Ms. Livia Pomodoro, UNESCO Chair on the Right to Food, President of the Milan Center for Food Law and Policy.
II. SHARING EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES

A. Panel Presentations

3. The panelists were selected based on the submissions received by 1 June 2018, with priority given to submissions on multistakeholder events showcasing the different levels (national, regional and global), ensuring regional representation, reflecting the diversity of experiences of CFS Members and stakeholders and taking into account gender diversity.

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4. The panelists will be invited to give a brief outline of their experiences paying special attention to the challenges met, the results obtained and the good practices. Panelists who have held events in line with the Terms of Reference for Global Thematic Events (CFS 2016/43/7) will be asked to share how they contributed to their experience. The Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) will present its report on the use and application of the Guidelines globally.

5. The panel will then discuss how their experiences have contributed to the objective of the Guidelines. They will also discuss how their experiences resonate with the findings of the submissions that have adopted a similar approach in implementing the Guidelines.

B. Plenary Discussion

6. Following the panel discussion delegates will be invited to ask the panellists questions and provide comments on the presentations based on their own experiences.

III. WRAP UP

7. The moderator will summarize the session, focusing on progress made in implementing the Guidelines and achieving their main objective, including successes, limitations, challenges and good practices.

8. The CFS Chair closes the event and presents the conclusions that will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.