1. This year the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) met under the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies". Forty-six countries presented their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) on their efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

2. Food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture are strongly linked to both the overall review theme, as well as six out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the that are under in-depth review this year: Water and sanitation for all (SDG 6); sustainable and modern energy for all (SDG 7); cities and human settlements (SDG 11); sustainable consumption and production patterns (SDG 12); sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (SDG 15); and global partnership for sustainable development (SDG 17).

3. CFS invited those countries participating in the 2018 HLPF Voluntary National Review exercise to share their experiences at CFS 45 on their efforts to achieve the food security and nutrition related targets of the 2030 Agenda.

I. PURPOSE OF THE SESSION

4. The purpose of the session is for CFS to engage in an interactive discussion with some of the VNR countries on their lessons learned in integrating food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture into policies to achieve zero hunger and sustainable development. This session aims to provide space to VNR countries to share in greater depth their experiences in these crucial areas. The discussion will be framed in the context of CFS policy guidance products and other intergovernmental policy instruments, which contribute to developing or implementing integrated national policies that will bring us closer to achieving the SDGs.
II. PANEL DISCUSSION

5. The event will be moderated by Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme.

6. Panelists from the VNR countries will be asked to briefly share their experiences in building a coherent and enabling policy environment aiming to leave no one behind.

7. Delegates will be encouraged to respond or complement what they hear to create a dialogue, identifying good practices and challenges to address. 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.