Criteria to be respected for the selection of the HLPE Steering Committee

4th Mandate (2017-2019)

The HLPE Steering Committee (StC) has to be renewed this year for a mandate of two years (October 2017-October 2019).

As per the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on World Food Security (RoP-CFS, Rule V para. 4): the members of the Steering Committee shall be appointed by the Bureau of the Committee on the basis of a recommendation of an ad-hoc technical selection committee consisting of representatives of FAO, the World Food Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Bioversity International (CGIAR) and a representative of civil society organizations.

As per the RoP-CFS (Rule V, para. 3), when selecting the new HLPE StC, the Selection Committee will have to respect the following criteria:

The HLPE Steering Committee (StC) shall consist of between ten and fifteen highly reputable, internationally-recognized experts on food security and nutrition-related fields, appointed in their personal capacity for a term of office of two years, renewable consecutively only once. The Steering Committee should reflect an assortment of technical disciplines, balance of regional expertise as well as consideration of gender representation.

Ideal candidates will have relevant experience working with cross-disciplinary expert processes. They should have a broad vision and substantial experience in cross-disciplinary expert processes. They should be experienced professionals, holding an advanced university degree, proven record of publications and/or solid background in field/research project management in the area of food security and nutrition. Most importantly they should have strong experience in managing groups or networks of experts, extensive communication and inter-personal skills, leadership skills, and, drawing from their international recognition by peers, the capacity to attract and draw expert networks.

The CFS Bureau and Advisory Group also expressed the necessity for both continuity and change in the next Steering Committee membership (23 March 2012). The CFS Bureau (25 January 2013), therefore, indicated that the Ad-hoc Technical Selection Committee shall work out a proposal under which one-third to one-half of current members are re-appointed.

The Ad-hoc technical selection committee will use these criteria to elaborate its proposal to the CFS Bureau for decision during its meeting of May 11th, 2017.

1See http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf (p123 and following)