**Call for experiences in the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations on smallholder agriculture in the context of food security and nutrition**

**Template for submissions**

**Please use this**[submission form](http://bit.ly/2nAitb1)**to share your experience in the use and application of three interconnected sets of CFS policy recommendations on smallholder agriculture in the context of food security and nutrition.   
  
For the necessary background and guidance, please refer to the topic note:** <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/activities/discussions/CFS-smallholders-fsn>**.**  
**You can upload the completed form to the** FSN Forum **(**[www.fao.org/fsnforum](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum)) **or send it via email to** [fsn-moderator@fao.org](mailto:fsn-moderator@fao.org)**.**

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| **Title of your submission\*** | ASSOCIAZIONE RURALE ITALIANA - ARI |
| **Geographical coverage**  *Indicate if your submission covers several levels, e.g. national level and regional level* | *(e.g. national, regional if several countries of the same region or/ and global if several countries in more than one region)*  *National* |
| **Country(ies)/ Region(s) covered by your submission** | *(e.g. Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi)*  ITALY |
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*\*Please choose a title for your submission, referring e.g. to your organization or/ and geographical coverage*

**If the information provided in your submission results from a multistakeholder consultation, please also fill the table in annex.**

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| 1. Awareness of CFS policy recommendations | * How have you heard of these policy recommendations (e.g. CFS meeting or event, internet, colleagues, government, civil society organization)?   CFS meeting or event, civil society organization   * Have you taken any actions to make these policy recommendations known to colleagues or other CFS stakeholders (Please tick the answer below)?   ☐ No  x Yes  If yes, please explain:  Our association is part of large national campaign for a legislation in support to peasant economy and we do reference to CFS work   * What would you recommend to CFS member states, Rome-based Agencies or/ and other stakeholders to make CFS policy products more widely known? Please explain: * 1. States have the responsibility to implement and built dialogue with small scale food producers organization (SSFPO) * 2. Enlarge the participation of SSFPO in the process of implementation and avoid dialogue between actors with unbalanced social and economic power |
| 1. Use of the three sets of policy recommendations | * Which set(s) of policy recommendations have been used at sub-national, national, regional or/ and global level to support smallholder agriculture (please tick the answer below)?   ***[If these policy recommendations have not been used, please go directly to question (xi)]***  NOTA BENE LA VARIETA DI ATTIVITA A CUI SI FA RIFERIMENTO, DAL ‘AWARENESS RAINSING’ AL’ADVOCACY….   * For each set that has been used, please indicate for which main purpose(s) it has been used   (*e.g training; awareness raising; capacity development; development/ assessment of projects, national strategies, plans of action, legislative or policy framework; investments by national governments or international financial institutions in favour of smallholders; development of finance proposals that are more favourable to small-scale producers; formulation and implementation of specific national strategies in favour of smallholder agriculture; other*)  Training and building of new juridical framework  NOTA BENE CHE SI PUO LIMITARSI A PARLARE DI QUELLE RACCOMANDAZIONI CHE SI CONOSCONO. NON SI E’ OBLIGATO A PARLARE DI TUTTI I TRE.  ☐ Set 1: [Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition](http://www.fao.org/3/a-av034e.pdf)  Main purpose(s):  ☐x Set 2: [Connecting Smallholders to Markets](http://www.fao.org/3/a-bq853e.pdf)  Main purpose(s):  ☐ Set 3: [Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?](http://www.fao.org/3/a-bq854e.pdf)  Main purpose(s):     * Which policy recommendations were found particularly useful to support smallholders and their food and nutrition security? Please explain:   8 Promote inclusive participation in local food systems by encouraging relevant authorities’ engagement with smallholders’ organizations: because the functioning of Italian internal market (strong market power of few actors) this recommendation is crucial to give real opportunity to peasant agriculture products  12 Recognize the environmental, social, and economic value of food produced, and acknowledge the key role smallholders : this is the base of our proposal of a national legislation in support of peasant economy  14 Promote smallholder products with specific quality characteristics which increase income and can respond to consumer demand while preserving traditional practices and knowledge, and agricultural biodiversity: the pluralism of agrarian systems in Italy demand a full implementation of this recommendation |
| 1. Present and expected benefits for smallholders   *Indicate the results obtained/ expected in the short term and in the medium-to-long term, with quantitative indications where feasible (i.e. estimate of the number of smallholders that have been or are expected to be affected)* | How have smallholders benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from the use of these policy recommendations for food security and nutrition in the short and medium to long-term? How have they contributed to the progressive realization of the right to food? *(please answer in the two boxes below)* |
| Results in the short term (qualitative and quantitative):  *(In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, please indicate where feasible the number of smallholders that have been directly involved in activities, e.g. six training involving a total of 250 people)*  A new specific legal framework and better support for small scale food producers in Italy |
| Results in the medium to long term (qualitative and quantitative):  (*In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, please indicate where feasible the number of smallholders that have been or are expected to be indirectly affected by activities, e.g. training leading to development of local plan of action expected to affect 1,000 smallholders*)  Considering that at least in Italy we can identify 900.000 small farms, any institutional step in the implementation of recommendation by State, privat sector, SSFPO can have an important impact |
| 1. Present and expected benefits for female smallholders | * Have any specific actions been taken (in line with these policy recommendations) topromote the realization of women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender equality in the context of smallholder agriculture? Please explain: * Because the difficulties for woman to access to land, to access to market to built their farms, such recommendation from a UN body give some better opportunity, especially in recognition of fundamental woman rights * How have female smallholders benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from these actions in terms of food security and nutrition and the progressive realization of the right to food? Please explain: * We really see any visible benefits in Italy |
| 1. Present and expected benefits for the youth | * Have any specific actions been taken (in line with these policy recommendations) to promote the involvement of youth in agriculture and related activities in the context of smallholder agriculture? Please explain: * Just our training initiatives. No action from public institutions * How have youth benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from these actions in terms of food security and nutrition and the progressive realization of the right to food of youth? Please explain:   No benefits at the moment |
| 1. Contribution of the use of these policy recommendations to SDGs | * How has the use of these policy recommendations contributed (or is expected to contribute) to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDGs 1 & 2 and some of the SDGs targeted in the 2019 review, and to fostering policy coherence? (please tick the answer):   ☐ SDG 1 (no poverty)  Please explain:  ☐ SDG 2 (zero hunger)  Please explain:  ☐ SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth)  Please explain:  ☐ SDG 10 (reduced inequalities)  Please explain:  ☐ SDG 13 (climate action)  Please explain: |
| 1. Relevance and expected benefits of the use of these policy recommendations to the [UN Decade of Family Farming](https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/1479766/files/A_RES_72_239-EN.pdf) and the [UN Decade of Action on Nutrition](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/259) | * How could these policy recommendations contribute to the UN Decade of Family Farming or (further) contribute to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders? Please explain:   UN Decade of Family Farming is just starting, can be an appropriate frame. |
| 1. Catalysts and constraints | * What were the key catalysts that influenced positively the use of these policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders?   For peasant organizations is a recognition of a state of the art: has peasant agriculture work for the society   * What were the main constraints and challenges in using these CFS policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition smallholders? * Role of state institution and main powerful actors |
| 1. Good practices | * What good practices would you recommend for successful use of these policy recommendations?   Inclusion of CFS recommendations in the national public policy for food and agriculture |
| 1. Lessons learned | * Do you have any suggestions to make to CFS in order to enhance the use of these policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders?   Move from policy recommendation to voluntary guideline negotiated like VGGT |
| 1. Potential use of the policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders | * If these policy recommendations have not been used (or not sufficiently used), how could they be (further) used in the future for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders, advancing the progressive realization of the right to food, achieving SDGs or/ and fostering policy coherence? Please explain: * 1. Obligation to member state to implement decisions of CFS * 2. Obligation for Rome based Agency to use has framework the decisions of CFS in the implementation of development actions * 3. Monitoring and analyze the impact and the coherence of decision taken by CFS on peasant economy and RtF * What actions could be taken (in line with these policy recommendations) to promote the realization of women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender equality in the context of smallholder agriculture? Please explain:   See previous and take specific actions   * What actions could be taken (in line with these policy recommendations) to promote the involvement of youth in agriculture and related activities in the context of smallholder agriculture? Please explain:   See previous and take specific actions |
| 1. Link to additional information |  |

**Annex: to be filled if the information provided results from a multi-stakeholder consultation**

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| **Date of the multistakeholder event** |  |
| **Location of the event** |  |
| **Which groups of stakeholders participated in the event?** | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………………… |
| **Who organized the event?** | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………………… |