



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Forty-ninth Session
"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

11-14 October 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Timekeeping and high-level participation

CFS plenary sessions provide the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction among stakeholders, including the space for delegation heads to orally present their formal statement to the open plenary session, or in writing if they prefer. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less unless presented by a Minister or constituency delegation head or on behalf of an entire regional group) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are not anticipated, but presentations longer than the apportioned time can be shared electronically by the CFS Secretariat and posted on its public website. A traffic light system will be in place to help delegates manage their time allocations.

All delegates are requested to email their statements to cfs@fao.org, at least 1 hour before the session, so they can be shared with the interpreters for interpretation in FAO's six official languages, and to be posted in the Statements section of the CFS 49 web page (in their original language).

In the event that a Member delegation will include senior-level participation such as a Minister, Vice Minister, State Secretary (or equivalent), they should inform the Secretariat in order for that delegation head to be given priority protocol consideration on the Speakers List.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (for decision)
- b) Membership of the Committee (for information)
- c) Drafting Committee composition (for decision)

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/1/Rev.1 – CFS 49 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.1 – CFS 49 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.2/Rev.1 – Guide to CFS 49
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.4 – Membership
- CFS 2021/49/2 – Guide to the preparation of the CFS 49 Final Report

II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2021, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND THE ROLE OF CFS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 (for information and discussion)

- a) Opening statements by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 49 Session document webpage):
 - The UN Secretary-General;
 - The CFS Chairperson;
 - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
 - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
 - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP);
 - The Chair of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee
- b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021, its policy implications and the role of CFS, followed by delegate statements.

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/3 – State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021, its policy implications and the role of CFS in the context of COVID-19 – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.13 – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World: Transforming food systems for food security, improved nutrition, and affordable healthy diets for all

III. FORUM ON UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (VGFSyN) (for discussion)

- a) The forum will provide an opportunity to discuss and mobilize political commitments from governments, donors, civil society, private sector, and the UN system for the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on food systems and nutrition;
- b) A third progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will be made.

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/4 – Forum on uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) – Concept Note
- CFS 2021/49/5 – Forum on uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/6 – Progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.14 – The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)

IV. THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CFS (for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit and consider its implications for the work of CFS and its role as the foremost and inclusive international and intergovernmental platform dealing with food security and nutrition.

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/7/Rev.1 – The UN Food Systems Summit and its implications for CFS – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.15 – The UN Food Systems Summit and its implications for CFS

V. UPDATE OF THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) 2020-2023 (for discussion and decision)

- a) Update of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 (for decision);
- b) An update will be provided on the preparation process towards the development of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition, including the next steps in the process (for discussion).

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/8 – CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decision
- CFS 2021/49/9 - Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2021/49/10 - CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.16 – CFS Annual Progress Report 2021

VI. PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS (for discussion)

- a) Presentation of the HLPE Report on Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems;
- b) CFS stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide feedback and inputs on the content of the report in view of the CFS policy convergence process on Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems.

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/11 – Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.17 – HLPE Report (2021) on Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems

VII. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER (for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the use and application of the following CFS policy recommendations, consistent with the Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions, endorsed at CFS 43 (CFS 2016/43/7):

- a) Food Security and Climate Change (2012);
- b) Water for Food Security and Nutrition (2015).

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/12 – Monitoring CFS policy recommendations on climate change and water – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.18 – Monitoring CFS policy recommendations on climate change and water: Summary of stakeholder contributions
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.19 – CFS policy recommendations on Food Security and Climate Change, endorsed at CFS 39 in 2012
- CFS 2021/49/Inf.20 – CFS policy recommendations on Water for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 42 in 2015

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Date of the Fiftieth Session of CFS (for decision);
- b) Election of Chair, Bureau members and Alternates (for decision);
- c) Adoption of the Final Report (for decision).

Background documents:

- CFS 2021/49/Inf.21 – Election of the CFS Chairperson