



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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CFS ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2021

1. This Annual Progress Report provides an overview of key activities carried out in the intersessional period from January 2021 to December 2021. It includes progress made on decisions and recommendations of the 47th CFS Plenary Session (CFS 47) in February 2021 and the 48th Special CFS Plenary Session (CFS 48) in June 2021, updates on workstreams, communication and outreach, budget, resource mobilization, as well as activities of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE), the CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) and the CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM).

I. KEY ACTIVITIES AFTER CFS 47 & CFS 48 LEADING UP TO CFS 49

Food Systems and Nutrition

2. Resulting from an inclusive process that involved stakeholders from different sectors, the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSN) were endorsed at CFS 47 on 10 February 2021. Branded versions of the VGFSyN are available in all six FAO languages on the [Policy Products](#) section of the CFS website.

3. The Secretariat has also produced a [2-page communications document on the Voluntary Guidelines](#) to promote awareness and uptake the Guidelines. The 2-pager has been posted on the CFS website in all six FAO languages plus Portuguese and shared widely with CFS partners and stakeholders.

4. The CFS Secretariat has developed a coordination and outreach strategy to promote the implementation of the Guidelines and organizes regular informal meetings with members of UN Nutrition and other partners to share views and information on how to support their uptake at country level. Outreach events have been organized with staff of [WHO](#) and the [World Bank](#), with other events [planned](#) to promote the uptake of CFS VGFSN, including during the UN Food Systems Summit and Pre-Summit, the Nutrition for Growth Summit, and elsewhere.

Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

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5. A Swiss-funded project using the VGFSN to strengthen capacities of beneficiaries to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP) will be implemented in four pilot countries (Ethiopia, Cambodia, Uganda and Honduras), and will be implemented by John Hopkins University, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Rikolto Honduras, and the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction. Potential second and third phases of this project could see the number of countries included reach 20.
6. A [policy brief](#) on linkages between FAO's Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication and the CFS VGFSN was developed by FAO colleagues and posted on the CFS public website.
7. More details on completed, ongoing and planned communications and outreach for the Voluntary Guidelines are listed under the Communications and Outreach section of this report.

Agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition

8. Following intense negotiations and Friends of the Rapporteur meetings under the leadership of Mr Yaya Olaitan Olaniran, Minister, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to FAO, the CFS's Policy Recommendations on *Agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition* were endorsed at CFS 48 on 4 June 2021. Branded versions of the Policy Recommendations in FAO's six official languages are available on the [Policy Products](#) section of the CFS website.
9. More details on follow-up plans and activities are listed under the Communications and Outreach section of this report.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition

10. The primary objective of this workstream is to develop *Voluntary Guidelines (VGs) on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition* (GEWE). These Guidelines will provide Members and other CFS stakeholders guidance on how to advance gender equality, women's and girls' rights, and women's empowerment as part of their efforts to eradicate hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition.
11. The workstream is supported by a dedicated Technical Task Team (TTT) composed of experts from CGIAR, CSM, FAO, IFAD, PSM, UN Nutrition UNICEF, UN Women, WFP, and World Bank.
12. At CFS 47 in February 2021 the Committee endorsed [Terms of Reference](#) for the Guidelines prepared with the support of the TTT and, under the leadership of Ms Satu Lassila, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Rome-based Agencies, requested the Guidelines to be presented for endorsement at CFS50 in October 2022. The Terms of Reference were discussed and approved following two Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) meetings held in May and December 2020.
13. The CFS Secretariat, with the support of the TTT and a senior gender consultant, and under the leadership of Ms Lassila, developed a [Zero Draft of the Guidelines](#) finalized during an OEWG in July 2021. This Zero Draft - framed around proposed policy areas – will be further considered during regional consultations to be held between September and November 2021 and during an e-consultation during the same period.
14. The Zero Draft will serve as the main background document for [six regional consultations](#):
 - i) CFS Regional Consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean - 21-22 September 2021
 - ii) CFS Regional Consultation for Europe and Central Asia - 27-28 September 2021
 - iii) CFS Regional Consultation for Africa - 21-22 October 2021
 - iv) CFS Regional Consultation for Near East and North Africa - 27-28 October 2021

- v) CFS Regional Consultation for Asia and the Pacific - 3-4 November 2021
- vi) CFS Regional Consultation for North America - 15-16 November 2021

15. Inputs received during the consultations will inform the preparation of the First Draft of the Guidelines at the end of the year and a successive version that will be negotiated before presentation to Plenary for adoption in October 2022.

16. The Bureau appointed a new Chairperson to guide the Gender OEWG in July 2021, Ms Tanja Grén, Permanent Representative-Designate of Finland to Rome-based Agencies, after the departure of Ms Lassila.

17. Under item V of the CFS 49 Agenda on CFS MYPoW 2020-2023, the newly appointed OEWG Chairperson will present an update on the preparation process towards the development of the CFS VG-GEWE, including next steps in the process.

18. In addition, during a CFS Secretariat's "Special Event" on 14 October, a dedicated session in collaboration with IFAD will celebrate the International Day of Rural Women with a keynote speech by a rural woman food producer.

Monitoring CFS Effectiveness

a. Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 in February 2021 on the use and application of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises

19. Two calls for inputs were issued in 2019 and closed in April 2020, one on events organized to discuss experiences in using the *Framework For Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises* (CFS-FFA), another on experiences and good practices in applying the CFS-FFA. The Secretariat then compiled and analysed fifty-two inputs received, with the support of the TTT in preparation of the CFS 47 Global Thematic Event on CFS-FFA, held in February 2021. The report¹ was shared ahead of the event, and the panel discussion moderated by Mr Ronald Hartman, Director of Partnerships at IFAD. A keynote presentation was delivered by Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili, former rapporteur of the CFS-FFA policy convergence process. The panel was composed of FAO and WFP Directors, high-level representatives of the governments of Canada and Columbia, as well as a representative of the CSM (Civil Society Mechanism). The CFS 47 Plenary report² mentions that the Committee took note of the following: "CFS-FFA is an illustration of the value of multi-stakeholder CFS processes which enable effective collaboration".

20. TTT Composition: FAO, WFP, CSM, PSM

b. Preparation of the CFS Plenary event at CFS 49 in October 2021 on the use and application of two sets of CFS policy recommendations on water and climate

21. In line with CFS decisions (CFS 2017/44/11), two calls for inputs via e-consultation were opened from March to mid-June 2021, one on events at global, regional and national levels and

¹ CFS 2021/47/Inf.17 "Monitoring the use and application of CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) - Analysis of the contributions received to inform the Global Thematic Event"

² The CFS Forty-seventh Session Report (February 2021) can be found at the following link: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/cfs/CFS47/Report/NF097_47_REPORT_en.pdf

another on experiences on the use and uptake of two CFS policy products. Thirty inputs were received and analysed by the Secretariat, with a summary prepared for an event at CFS 49 taking stock of :

- i) CFS policy recommendation on Water for Food Security and Nutrition (2015);
- ii) CFS policy recommendation on Food Security and Climate Change (2012).

22. During the intersessional period, two events were organized by the CFS Secretariat and other partners to promote uptake of the policy recommendations and to encourage submission of contributions to monitor use and application by CFS stakeholders.

- i) An event “**The Committee on World Food Security (CFS): Innovation, Water, and Global Food Security**” was held virtually in November 2020 as part of the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Security Week.
- ii) The event “**CFS Water and Climate Change Policy Recommendations for Food Systems Transformation**” took place virtually in January 2021 as part of the Global Forum on Food and Agriculture (GFFA) organized by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany.

Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition

23. In line with the approved CFS MYPoW 2020-2023, CFS Secretariat organized an intersessional event to prepare the workstream on *Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition*, and to provide inputs for preparation of the related HLPE (High Level of Experts) Report expected to be released in 2022.

24. The event took place virtually on 1 July 2021 and brought together over 300 participants to discuss topics of relevance for promoting better collection, analysis, use and dissemination of data for monitoring progress on SDG2 and for advancing food security and nutrition.

25. The event was organized with the support of a TTT comprising: CGIAR, CSM, FAO, Gates Foundation, PSM, and WFP. The CFS HLPE and its coordination unit also actively contributed to the organization of the event.

26. The CFS policy convergence process will begin in 2022, after launch of an HLPE report, with formation of an OEWG and selection of a Rapporteur from among CFS Members.

CFS Engagement with UN Food Systems Summit

27. During 2021, the CFS Chairperson, the Secretariat, the Chairperson of the CFS HLPE Steering Committee, PSM (Privet Sector Mechanism) and several of its other members contributed in various ways to the preparation of the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), its pre-Summit, its five Action Tracks, its Scientific Group, its Champions Group, and/or in the Advisory Committee led by the UN Deputy Secretary General (DSG).

28. In each of these instances, the overall objective was to raise awareness and visibility of the Committee, its HLPE, its past/present/and future policy convergence products, and promote use of CFS’s products and platform for the achievement of SDG-2 and other SDGs, consistent with the CFS vision/mandate and program of work.

29. The CFS Chairperson helped facilitate two video conference calls between the Deputy Secretary General and the CSM, during which the DSG invited CSM to participate in the five Action Tracks as an entity, and later to present their critique of the Summit process during the pre-Summit’s closing session.

30. The PSM joined all five Action Tracks and provided interventions at various events of the Pre-Summit, including a parallel event organized by the CFS Secretariat on 26 July, the first day of the

Pre-Summit, featuring H.E. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka and H.E. Gabriel Mbairrobe, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of Cameroon, among others.

31. The CFS Chairperson was invited to speak at the Summit scheduled for 23rd September, to promote and advance the CFS, its HLPE, and its negotiated policy convergence products. Potential implications for CFS stemming from the Summit's outcomes and follow-up will be debated by Members and Participants on 12 October 2021.

Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW)

32. In line with the provisions of Annex B of the CFS Implementation Report on the new MYPoW structure and process (CFS 2018/45/3) endorsed at CFS 45, an annual update of the 2020-2023 CFS MYPoW was prepared by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, and presented to CFS 47 for consideration and endorsement.

CFS High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE)

33. In 2021, at the special request of the CFS Chairperson and in addition to the objectives set out in the CFS's MYPoW for 2020-2023, the CFS HLPE produced an update of its Issues Paper on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition, and continued its engagement in the preparation of the 2021 UNFSS.

34. Given the global pandemic situation, HLPE utilized digital and virtual connection tools for the Steering Committee and the ad hoc Project Teams, with improved and more cost-effective meeting conditions, allowing the Steering Committee to respond positively to additional requests from the CFS Chairperson.

35. The CFS HLPE achieved all expected results for 2020 and 2021 on schedule. Some of the most notable achievements in 2021 include:

- i) Organization of two Steering Committee meetings, held virtually in February and April 2021;
- ii) Finalization and launch of the HLPE Report #16 "*Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems*", including e-consultation on the V0 draft of the report, preparation of V1 draft and its peer-review, preparation of the V2 draft, finalization, layout and virtual launch on 5 July 2021;
- iii) Initiation of the work on HLPE Report #17 "*Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition*", with the preparation of the draft scope and an e-consultation, selection of the Project Team Leader and Project Team (PT), and organization of PT virtual meetings;
- iv) Presentation of the HLPE issues paper on COVID-19 and food security and nutrition at a CFS side-event on 14 July 2021 during the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF);
- v) Update of the HLPE issues paper "*Impacts of COVID-19 on food security and nutrition: developing effective policy responses to address the hunger and malnutrition pandemic*" for CFS 49 in October 2021; and,
- vi) Renewal of the HLPE Steering Committee in 2021 by the CFS Bureau, based on a proposal made by the Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee for the next two-year term.

CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)

36. In 2021 the PSM contributed to all CFS negotiations, including those related to the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, and the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other innovative approaches. In addition, PSM participated in several side events to help raise the profile of CFS and its products. The virtual format continues to make it possible for diverse voices from around the world to participate more easily, including in the working groups and special events of CFS.

37. In addition to co-ordinating delegation and inputs, PSM has been an advocate for uptake of CFS products, including in the context of the upcoming UNFSS. PSM also undertook several special events, including a series of High Level Dialogues on finance, innovation, and gender.

CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM)

38. During the period from January to August 2021, the CSM intensively participated in the negotiation processes on Food Systems and Nutrition, and on Agroecological and other innovative approaches. In addition, respective CSM Working Groups provided contributions to the HLPE Report on Youth and the CFS policy convergence process on Gender.

39. The CSM has urged CFS at its 47th Plenary and at CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings to promote and strengthen policy responses to the hunger crisis that is growing with the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop a multilaterally-coordinated policy response to COVID-19 from a food security and nutrition perspective. This initiative could build on outcomes of the HLPE Issues Paper from October 2020; the decision taken by the CFS 47 Plenary to pay due attention to COVID-19 impacts on food security and nutrition; the SOFI Report 2021, and could consider the findings of the updated HLPE Issues Paper on COVID-19 to be presented at CFS 49.

II. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

CFS 47 Round-Up

40. The CFS held its Forty-seventh Session from 8 to 11 February 2021. The session was convened virtually, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns. The Plenary, and its side events, was attended by about 4,500 participants including 14 Ministers and 5 Vice-Ministers, delegates from 107 Members of the Committee; 7 non-Members of the Committee and by representatives from:

- i) (13) UN Agencies and Bodies;
- ii) (130) Civil society organizations³;
- iii) (8) International agricultural research organizations;
- iv) (6) International and regional financial institutions;
- v) (84) Private sector associations⁴ and private philanthropic foundations; and
- vi) (181) Observers.

CFS 48 Round-Up

41. The Forty-eighth (Special) Session was held, again virtually, on 4 June 2021 to endorse the CFS policy recommendations on agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition

42. The Session, was attended by about 700 participants including H.E. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka through a video message, 4 Ministers and 2 Vice-Ministers, delegates from 102 Members of the Committee; 5 non-Member States of the Committee, and by representatives from UN agencies and bodies, civil society and private sector organizations, international finance and research organizations, philanthropic foundations and observers. In particular, CFS 48 had delegates attending the session and representing the following:

- i) 10 UN Agencies and Bodies;
- ii) 70 Civil society organizations⁵;

³ Civil Society's participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 103 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM.

⁴ This figure includes 48 associations under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).

- iii) 2 International agricultural research organizations;
- iv) 1 International financial institution;
- v) 33 Private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations⁶; and
- vi) 7 Observers.

Side Events

43. A total of 22 Side Events were organized (12 for CFS 47 and 10 for CFS 48) to enrich and complement the Plenaries and to give CFS partners and other stakeholders an opportunity to highlight their work.

Media and Communication

44. The Secretariat continued to drive the positioning of CFS and its products through multiple channels including supporting the staging of bespoke public events; production, dissemination and amplification of content and messages on multiple channels including website and social media; consistent branding of CFS products and processes; and engagement with partners and stakeholders. Some of the notable achievements during the reporting period include:

i) Revamped CFS Website

45. The revamped the CFS website was launched to better position and promote the work of the Committee. The new-look website, available in all FAO languages, is easy to navigate, has simpler access to the CFS “Working Space,” and is organized to facilitate access to our many products and resources: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/en/>.

46. Since its launch in March 2021, the website has been viewed 68,804 times in 32,515 sessions by 18,760 unique users. Sixty three percent of these users were new visitors meaning that the website attracts many new people that may not have been previously familiar with CFS.

ii) Twitter Outreach and Engagement

47. The Secretariat stepped up engagement on @UN_CFS Twitter account. From 1 January 2021 to 31 July 2021, 307 tweets were published on this account, generating 699,210 impressions with 12,956 engagements. Compared to the same period in 2020, this presents a 432% increase in overall tweets and a 303% increase in impressions. Within this 2021 period, the account gained 1,247 followers. This presents a 12.8% increase in followers since 1 January 2021, amounting to a total of 12,419 followers as of 31 July 2021.

iii) Media Engagement

48. The Secretariat continued to drive media outreach and engagement including through press releases on the [Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition \(VGFSyN\)](#) and on the [Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches](#). A [joint OpEd](#) by the CFS Chairperson, the HLPE Steering Committee Chairperson and another member was published by Devex calling on the UNFSS to Strengthen HLPE and CFS vicecreating another science-policy platform on Food Security and Nutrition.

⁵ Civil Society’s participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 68 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM.

⁶ This figure includes 24 companies under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).

iv) **Bespoke Events**

49. Besides CFS 47 and CFS 48, the team organized a number of bespoke public events to continue positioning the Committee and its work. These included:

a) ***HLPF Side Event***

50. The Secretariat organized a virtual side event at the 2021 High-Level Political Forum in New York on 14 July 2021. Sponsored by the Dominican Republic, the side event focused on “Global Policy Coordination for SDG2: CFS amid COVID-19”. More details including a recording of the event are available at: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/events/events-details/en/c/1414401/>

b) ***UNFSS Pre-Summit Session***

51. CFS organized a virtual parallel session at the UNFSS Pre-Summit entitled "Multilateral Policy Convergence for Food Systems Transformation - CFS and its Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition". A recording of the session as well as statements by speakers and more information on the session are available at: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/events/events-details/en/c/1417006/>

c) ***Youth Event***

52. As part of the outreach effort for HLPE report #16, and in a bid to continue engaging young people in the work of CFS, the Secretariat gave a presentation at a virtual event organized by the Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger, the Future Agro Challenge, and I4Nature on opportunities for youth to engage in policymaking on 15 July 2021.

v) **Promotion of new CFS Policy Products**

53. Dedicated communication and outreach efforts were undertaken to promote newly endorsed CFS Policy Products.

a. **CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)**

54. The [Voluntary Guidelines](#) were finalized, branded and published on the CFS website in all six FAO languages.

55. A short highlight video on the VGFSyN was produced, posted on the CFS website and YouTube account and shared widely: <https://youtu.be/nWJKfJkeHt8>

56. A digital platform on the Guidelines was also developed as a one-stop online portal for all updates related to the use, implementation and uptake of the Guidelines: <https://www.fao.org/cfs/vgfsn>. FAO is also producing a digital platform with all relevant technical guides on VGFSyN to be linked to the CFS platform.

b. **Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches**

57. Upon the endorsement of the Policy Recommendations, branded versions were produced in all six FAO languages and posted on the CFS website: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/policy-products/en/>.

58. Efforts are underway to produce a communications and outreach strategy that will guide the further promotion of the Policy Recommendations.

vi) **Quarterly Newsletter**

59. The Secretariat continued to produce and distribute quarterly editions of the newsletter providing CFS stakeholders with comprehensive updates of ongoing policy convergence work as well as the uptake of CFS policy products towards food security and nutrition. All editions of the newsletter are available here: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/resources/newsletter/en/>

Chair's Outreach Activities

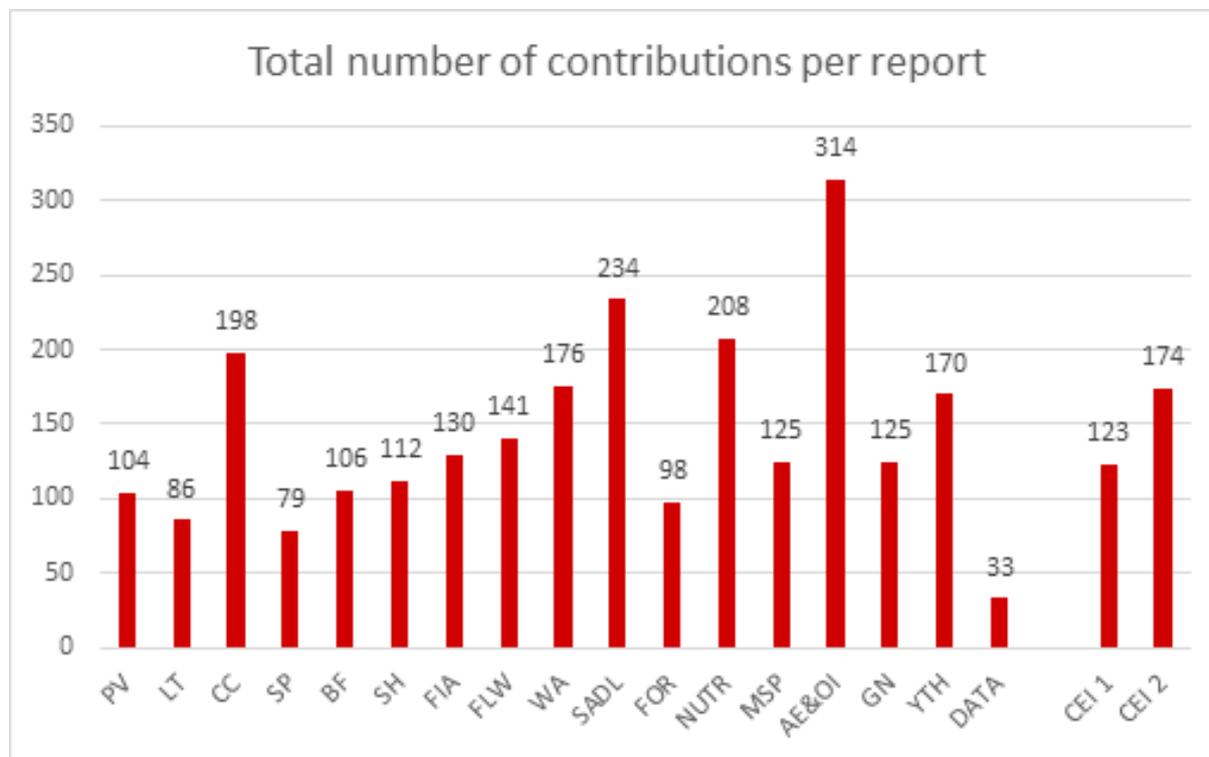
60. The CFS Chairperson participated in a series of high-level events throughout the year to raise awareness of CFS and its multi-stakeholder model, to promote its policy documents, and to highlight the Committee's efforts to address food security and nutrition challenges. Activities included:

- i) active participation in the preparatory process for the UNFSS, through his engagement in its Advisory Committee and its Champions' Group, and participation in the pre-Summit and Summit events
- ii) presentation of the CFS 47 Final Report to the FAO Council on 28 April 2021. The Council endorsed the report, requested FAO to support the development of actions to encourage application of the VGFSyN by its Members, and urged the UNFSS Secretariat and other Summit structures to make use of the CFS VGFSyN as a valuable input to the 2021 Summit discussions and any follow-up process
- iii) address to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 9 June 2021 providing an update on CFS's work, especially the recent endorsement of the VGFSyN and the policy recommendations on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches.
- iv) presentation of the CFS 46 and CFS 47 Final Reports to the FAO Conference on 14 June 2021, underscoring the convening power and the inclusive nature of the CFS, and highlighting its achievements. The Conference, in its Final Report, welcomed the approval of the VGFSyN and encouraged the use of CFS agreed policy instruments by all stakeholders
- v) chairing of a launch event of the CFS HLPE report on "Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems"
- vi) serving as a speaker in the high-level session of the HLPF 2021, which took place on 7 July, under the theme "How do we get on track to end poverty and hunger, and transform towards inclusive and sustainable economies?", and a side-event led by the CFS
- vii) moderation of a global dialogue on the role of food and agriculture in the global biodiversity framework organized by FAO
- viii) a CFS side event during the German-hosted GFFA virtual event in Berlin in January, featuring an outstanding panel of experts in the areas of water and climate
- ix) presentation of CFS relevant work at Koronivia workshop session organized by the UNFCCC Secretariat on the nexus between agriculture, food security and climate.
- x) participation in FAO's high-level dialogue on healthy diets between Asia, Africa and the Near East
- xi) speaking at a webinar of the International Plant Protection Convention
- xii) speaking at the 11th meeting of the Global Alliance on Sustainable Livestock, where he promoted the CFS policy work relevant to the livestock sector
- xiii) launch of the UN Nutrition discussion paper on the role of aquatic foods in sustainable healthy diets
- xiv) speaking at a PSM high-level dialogues on Finance, Innovations and Gender organized as contribution to the UNFSS
- xv) meetings with the G77 and China Group and other FAO Regional Groups to update them on the work of CFS
- xvi) issuance of an Op-Ed with the CFS HLPE Steering Committee Chairperson calling for strengthening of the CFS HLPE on Food Security and Nutrition
- xvii) an interview of the CFS Chairperson on Thai media on the work of CFS.

HLPE Outreach

61. The HLPE, as the science-policy interface of the CFS, is a cornerstone of the 2009 reform and contributes to its two key objectives, i.e. inclusiveness and evidence-base.

62. HLPE reports are the result of a continuous dialogue between experts involved in the work of the HLPE - as Steering Committee members, Project Team members or as peer-reviewers - building a bridge across a diversity of scientific disciplines, of professional and regional expertise. Beyond HLPE experts, this dialogue also includes, through open electronic consultations (e-consultations) and conferences, a wide range of knowledge-holders across the world.



63. HLPE reports are broadly recognized for the quantity and quality of scientific information they contain and for their capacity to analyze and present complex issues related to food security and nutrition, in a clear, balanced and comprehensive way for non-specialists.

64. Members of the HLPE's steering committee and project teams have presented the findings of the HLPE reports and issues papers in more than 50 events and publications:

- i) 10 international fora, including the UN ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum;
- ii) 5 peer-reviewed scientific papers;
- iii) 5 Op-Eds, including the joint one with CFS Chairperson and UN Special Envoy for the UNFSS;
- iv) 4 press articles;
- v) 7 national fora in Switzerland, India, China, etc.;
- vi) 18 seminars and teaching courses.

65. In parallel and in addition to already existing tools (website and mailing-list), the HLPE Secretariat continued revamping its social media presence in 2021, through LinkedIn and a dedicated account on Twitter, substantially increasing the number of followers and engagement. It also developed a new visual identity for HLPE reports.

III. TRACKING CFS DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

66. The following decisions were taken and extracted from the final reports of CFS47 and CFS48

III. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON THE CFS FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION ON FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN PROTRACTED CRISES

The Committee recommended to:

- i) make additional efforts to promote a much broader and systematic dissemination, use and application of the CFS-FFA, especially at the national level;
- ii) promote transparent and open mechanisms to apply the CFS-FFA in protracted crisis contexts, supported by CFS Members, the Rome-based Agencies, and other CFS constituencies, while seeking similar commitments and support from other UN agencies, towards joint and coordinated implementation plans;
- iii) put in place a framework and a simplified matrix to invite regular contributions by way of exchange of experiences to take stock of the use of the CFS-FFA to measure progress in achieving the CFS vision;

(para 13 h. – CFS47 final report)

i)As all CFS policy instruments, the CFS-FFA is part of the overall CFS communications and outreach strategy aiming at increasing awareness and uptake.

ii)The CFS-FFA has been actively promoted within Action Track 5 of the UNFSS.

iii)Actions taken under this activity, including the call for inputs, resulted in the Global Thematic Event at CFS 48.

IVa - CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) 2020-2023 – UPDATE OF THE ROLLING SECTION

The Committee:

- f) requested the Chairperson and Secretariat, consistent with the CFS Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategies to continue their efforts to expand and diversify the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Members, private foundations, the private

f) As part of the CFS Resource Mobilization Strategy, the CFS Chairperson held a number of bilateral discussions with key partners about the CFS MYPoW. The outreach has so far included conversations with senior officials of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Canada, EU, Finland, France, Japan, Germany, Spain, Sweden, World

<p>sector, and financial institutions.</p> <p>(para 14 – CFS47 final report)</p>	<p>Bank, United Arab Emirates. As a result, Finland, France, Spain and France committed resources toward the workstream on Gender, with France and Spain also committing funds to the CFS Multi-donor Trust Fund.</p>
<p>V. THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (VGFSN)</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>f) decided to transmit the VGFSN to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;</p> <p>h) decided to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider and ensure the wide dissemination of the VGFSyN to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;</p> <p>i) agreed to include the VGFSN in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF).</p>	<p>VGFSN was discussed at the WFP Executive Board at its First Regular Session in February as part of Agenda Item 11e): https://executiveboard.wfp.org/meeting/1221</p> <p>It was also part of the 42nd FAO Conference (June): Agenda Item 12 and the 166th FAO Council (April): Agenda Item 12 (both as part of general reporting on CFS)</p> <p>h) This request was made by the CFS Chairperson during his annual report to the UN ECOSOC. The VGFSN have also been transmitted to the Principals of the Rome-based Agencies immediately after adoption.</p> <p>i)The VGFSN have been included under a new section of the CFS GSF.</p>
<p>II. ADOPTION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THAT ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION</p>	

<p>The Committee:</p> <p>f) decided to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;</p> <p>h) decided to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, ensure and encourage the wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform 4 CFS 48 Document;</p> <p>i) agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF)</p> <p>(CFS 48 Special Session - Final report)</p>	<p>f) Transmission to the governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD will take place in the context of the upcoming 2021 fall-winter sessions.</p> <p>h) Action on this item will be taken in the context of the next reporting period.</p> <p>i) The Policy Recommendations have been included in section 4.6. of CFS GSF</p>
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IV. BUDGET AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

67. The overall expenditures for CFS activities in 2020 was USD 1,749,717. The overall funding requirements for the three components of the CFS budget in 2021 amount to an estimated USD 4,195,573 including:

- i) USD 3,162,435 for CFS Secretariat, Plenaries and thematic workstreams
- ii) USD 522,296 for the HLPE
- iii) USD 510,842 for CSM

CFS Secretariat

68. It is anticipated that the contributions of the Rome-based Agencies of USD 2,025,000 will, along with additional contributions from Finland, France, Spain, and Sweden for Gender, just cover planned expenditures for 2021.

69. Three plenary sessions are budgeted for in 2021 – CFS 47 which was postponed due to the pandemic from October 2020 to February 2021 and held virtually, an extraordinary CFS 48 Special session was organized in June 2021 which endorsed Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other innovative approaches (also held virtually), and a regular CFS 50 session in October 2021.

FUNDING	2020 Actual	2021 Forecast
RBAAs (FAO & WFP \$675,000 each, IFAD \$ 550,000 - actuals) (FAO, IFAD, WFP \$ 675,000 each – forecast)	1,850,000	2,025,000
GCP/GLO/MUL/932 – France, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates	297,417	168,374
GCP/GLO/GER/964 - Germany	260,683	0
UNGP/GLO/944 - EU	208,049	208,049
GCP/GLO/MUL/493 - France, Sweden	0	700,000
TOTAL FUNDING	2,616,149	3,101,423

EXPENDITURES	2020 Actual	2021 Forecast
STAFF	1,193,110	1,700,000
OUTREACH - Chairperson & Staff	10,190	40,000
PLENARIES & OTHER EVENTS	105,675	480,000
Communication & reporting	6,422	10,000
General Operating Expenses	16,213	20,000
Interpretation	37,380	195,000
Translation / printing	44,142	205,000
Travel: Panellists & speakers	1,518	50,000
WORKSTREAMS	440,742	942,435
HLPE - Agroforestry follow up	48,525	200,000
Food Systems and Nutrition	384,562	0
Monitoring & uptake - FFA, Water & Climate Change	0	50,000
Urbanization and rural transformation	89	0
Gender Equality	7,565	692,435
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,749,717	3,162,435

HLPE

FUNDING	2020 Actual	2021Forecast
European Union	539,481	476,098

France *	44,593	35,672
Monaco *	22,512	11,891
Switzerland	-	250,000
TOTAL FUNDING	606,586	773,660

[*] Note that these two forecasts were provided by HLPE in Euro and converted in USD at the rate 0.841€=1 USD.

EXPENDITURES	2020 Actual	2021 Forecast
1. Electronic consultations	15,000	15,000
2. Project Teams Support	50,000	25,000
3. Report printing	5,000	70,000
4. Report translation	100,000	110,000
5. Report launch, CFS participation and outreach	11,465	15,000
6. Steering Committee meetings	-	-
7. Other Secretariat operating expenses	5,000	5,000
8. GS Secretariat staff	99,941	80,000
9. Technical staff programme support	90,405	14,000
10. Science communication officer	-	5,000
11. Senior technical adviser	<i>in kind</i>	144,000
12. HLPE coordinator	<i>in kind</i>	<i>in kind</i>
13. Evaluation costs	-	-
14. ICRU	-	4,800
15. PSC	37,681	34,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	414,492	522,296

Civil Society Mechanism (CSM)

70. For CSM, contributions have been received from France, EU, Italy, Switzerland and several CSOs/NGOs. Expenditures for both budget years are expected to be less than the respective planned budgets, given travel restrictions and use of virtual meeting technology amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As an illustration, only 47% of CSM planned expenses was reached at the end of 2020.

71. Note that the CSM figures were provided in Euro and converted in USD at the rate 0.841€=1 USD. For more information on CSM budget, please contact cso4cfs@gmail.com

EXPENDITURE	2020 Actual	2021 Forecast
Participation in CFS Advisory Group meetings	53,988	41,077
CSM policy working groups and participation in CFS intersessional activities	105,918	117,112
Support monitoring and implementation of CFS outcomes	30,617	29,786
Annual CSM Coordination Committee, Forum and participation in Plenary	15,968	119,775

Secretariat	165,699	165,755
Accountability, monitoring and other costs	8,919	9,512
Administration fees	23,738	27,824
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	404,848	510,842

Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)

EXPENDITURE	2020 Actual	2021 Forecast
Core Secretariat Cost	134,856	199,175
Policy Development	107,000	50,000
Events and Outreach	2,704	51,219
Food Systems Summit	84,000	245,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	328,560	545,394

72. For more information on the PSM budget, please contact robynne@emergingag.com and visit www.agrifood.net