



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

## **Fiftieth Session**

***"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"***

**10-13 October 2022**

**THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND  
WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF  
FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS**

### **MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. The Committee commemorates the 2022 International Day of Rural Women, hearing introductory remarks from Ms Jyotsna Puri, IFAD's Associate Vice-President, Strategy and Knowledge, IFAD, along with keynote remarks from Ms Luz Haro Guanga, Executive Secretary of the Network of Rural Women of Latin America and the Caribbean (REDLAC) and Principal Member of Network of Municipalities for Gender Equality (RIMIG), Ecuador, and Ms Uwintije Goretti, President of "Twaguke Murama" (local women's cooperative), Rwanda.
2. The Committee considers documents CFS 2022/50/4 "Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Conclusions" and CFS 2022/50/Inf.23 "CFS Chairperson's Statement on the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition". Keynote remarks are provided by Ms Sima Sami Iskandar Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women, and by Ms Leonel Josefa Sacko, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment.
3. Recognizing that advancing gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment is critical to addressing the current global food security crisis and achieving CFS' vision of ending hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all, and for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

4. Further recognizing that gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment is essential to achieving all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as ensuring food systems that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable, the Committee:
  - a. acknowledges the efforts made by all stakeholders involved in the consultations and negotiations of the draft Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition, and expresses its gratitude to the co-chairs for their efforts;
  - b. commends the progress made so far and encourages Members and other stakeholders to complete the process and fulfil CFS commitments in line with the 2020-2023 MYPoW adopted at CFS 46 (2019), maintaining a positive spirit of collaboration;
  - c. reiterates, acknowledging and expressing regret that there was no agreement on draft text of Voluntary Guidelines on GEWGE by the end of the third round of Open-Ended Working Group meetings, its support for an inclusive and consensus-based process to achieve agreement on Voluntary Guidelines for presentation to the CFS 51 plenary session and requests the Chair to convene consultations, including an inclusive diverse inter-sessional Group of Friends (of the Chair) to discuss the working method and the ways forward;
  - d. takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:
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