



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY
Thirty-sixth Session
Rome, 11-14 and 16 October 2010
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AGENDA NOTES

1. The Thirty-sixth Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will open at 9.30 hours on Monday, 11 October 2010, at FAO headquarters. Provision has been made for the Session to continue up to Saturday, 16 October 2010 for the approval of the final report, with a one day interruption on 15 October on the occasion of World Food Day celebrations.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
- b) Membership of the Committee
- c) Declaration of competence by the European Union
- d) Drafting Committee composition

II. SETTING THE STAGE FOR CFS 36TH

- a) Session opening by the heads of FAO, WFP and IFAD
- b) Statement on behalf of the UN Secretary General
- c) Highlights of the CFS reform implementation in 2009/2010 -
Presentation by the CFS Chair and the Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts

III. THE STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY (SOFI) 2010

2. This item will include a presentation of the highlights of the state of food insecurity from SOFI (2010). This year's special topic on "Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises: Issues and Challenges" will be considered under item VII in the context of a national Case Study and under item VIII through a Policy Roundtable.

IV. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

3. According to the CFS reform document, one of the Committee's roles is to provide a platform for discussion and coordination to strengthen collaborative actions amongst a wide variety of stakeholders. These include governments, regional organizations, international organizations and agencies, NGOs, CSOs, food producers' organizations, private sector organizations and philanthropic organizations. This session will explore ways of strengthening this role.

4. With this mandate in mind, a calendar of major food security initiatives and events around the world will be presented. This short presentation will be followed by an open discussion led by a panel of representatives from global developments relevant to food security and nutrition, such as the updated Comprehensive Framework for Action coordinated by the UN High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, the MDG summit, the CGIAR reform, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) hosted by World Bank, the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI) follow-up, the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN), and others. They will give updates and share proposals for strengthening existing partnerships as well as creating new synergies towards improved food security governance.

V. REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

5. In accordance with the Committee's mandate to cultivate and maintain linkages with relevant actors at all levels and to ensure that its work is based on the reality on the ground, this session will provide an opportunity for invited regional speakers to share lessons learnt, particularly regarding multi-stakeholder initiatives on food security and nutrition. Presentations will be followed by open discussion with a view to identifying how CFS can contribute to such initiatives.

VI. OVERVIEW BY THE CHAIR OF COUNTRY REQUESTS TO CFS

6. This item will include a short informative presentation by the CFS Chair, providing a summary of countries' written requests for support and advice by the CFS which will be made available to the Plenary.

VII. NATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION - CASE STUDIES

7. This session will address the Committee's role to support and advise countries and regions in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their nationally and regionally owned plans of action for ensuring food security and nutrition.

8. This topic will be discussed in four break-out sessions held in parallel, each focusing on a specific country Case Study [countries to be confirmed], including: i) A Comprehensive Approach to Food Security: the National Food Policy Plan of Action; ii) Implementing CAADP: an in-country perspective; iii) Achieving food security in protracted crisis; iv) Best practices for safety nets and for nutrition, and their role in supporting local production.

9. All case studies will be developed under a common framework. This will enable countries to identify common themes and best practices to improve food security. The objective is to arrive at actionable recommendations which will then be shared by a rapporteur in Plenary for approval.

VIII. POLICY ROUNDTABLES

10. This session refers to the Committee's role to promote greater policy convergence and coordination. This includes the development of international strategies and voluntary guidelines on food security and nutrition on the basis of best practices, lessons learned from local experience, inputs received from the national and regional levels, and expert advice and opinions from different stakeholders.

11. Based on a common framework, the session will consist of three roundtables held in parallel, each focusing on a specific food security policy issue, including, i) Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises: Issues and Challenges ; ii) Land tenure and international investment in agriculture; including appreciation of the ongoing work on the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources and the Principles for Responsible International Investment that Respects Rights, Livelihoods and Resources; iii) Managing vulnerability and risk, particularly those caused by price volatility and climate change and discuss *inter alia* the role of safety nets to promote better food security and nutrition.

12. The objective is to arrive at actionable recommendations which will then be shared by a rapporteur in Plenary for approval.

IX. GLOBAL COORDINATION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PROCESSES

13. In this session the Committee's role to strengthen collaborative action, improve coordination and guide synchronized action among a wide ranging stakeholders will be addressed. The Committee will consider:

- a) A document outlining the purpose, guiding principles and process leading to the elaboration of a Global Strategic Framework for food security and nutrition that will build upon existing frameworks to enable CFS to better perform its role of improving coordination.
- b) The status of a process aimed at sharing feedback from pilot countries which are mapping food security actions at country level, along with options for how the CFS could support countries to make better informed decisions about how best to design national and regional policies, strategies and programmes and to allocate resources to achieve food security and nutrition objectives.

X. THE WAY FORWARD FOR CFS – THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFORM

14. In this session the Committee will:

- a) Be informed about progress made in establishing a global mechanism for food security and nutrition which will function as a facilitating body for CSOs/NGOs consultation and participation in the CFS.
- b) Adopt the revised CFS Rules of Procedure based on the CFS Reform document.
- c) Consider, with a view to approval, a CFS budget for the year 2011 as well as a CFS Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for biennium 2012-2013, including projections for extra budgetary support to HLPE.
- d) Consider and provide advice on priorities of FAO's PWB 2012-2013 in the areas of the mandate of the Committee.
- e) Discuss any other administrative matters.

XI. REPORT OF THE SESSION