

COMMITTEE on WORLD FOOD SECURITY
39th Session, 15-20 October 2012

Item III: Session Guidelines for Policy Convergence - Round Tables

1. Objective

One of the key roles of CFS is to promote greater convergence and coordination of policies on key issues that affect food security and nutrition. The objective of the Policy Round Tables is to highlight some of those key issues and recommendations for action by the various stakeholders. A round table format will be used to facilitate discussions on each of the topics.

2. Discussion topics

During the 39th session, two issues will be discussed :

- Social Protection For Food Security
- Food Security and Climate Change

For each of the issues a report has been prepared by the High Level Panel of Experts. In addition, a decision box, based on the reports, has been drafted by CFS Task Teams under the overall supervision of the Secretariat outlining key recommendations addressed to various stakeholders. The HLPE reports and the corresponding decision boxes will serve as background documents for each of the discussion sessions.

3. Format

There will be a Chair, two panellists and a Rapporteur for each Policy Round Table. One panellist will be from the HLPE project team and will present the HLPE report findings. A second panellist will discuss the report findings and may provide diverging views on the topic.

The Chair will open the panel discussions and invite the two panellists to make their presentations. Following the presentations, the floor will then be opened for discussion.

Interventions from the floor should be brief, to the point and should focus on contributing to the recommendations which promote policy convergence based on knowledge, best practices and lessons learnt.

The Chair will summarize the major points of discussion and the recommendations coming from the session.

4. How the outcomes of the Policy Round Tables will be used

The Rapporteur will use the outcomes of the discussions and recommendations during the Policy Round Table to enrich the decision boxes before they are submitted to Plenary Wrap Up Sessions for approval (currently scheduled for Thursday and Friday mornings).