



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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FOLLOWING PROGRESS ON DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

1. This document provides an update on progress towards the recommendations and implementation of decisions taken by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at its 39th Session. A summary of the main decisions or recommendations and their source in the CFS 39 Final Report are shown in the left column and the update in the right column. This document complements CFS 2013/40/8: *A Framework for monitoring CFS decisions and recommendations*. Decisions and recommendations are listed in accordance with the three categories proposed for monitoring in para 5.c. of CFS 2013/40/8, namely:

- a) CFS Products – Final Outcomes: This group includes the final outcomes of CFS multi-stakeholder processes;
- b) CFS Policy Recommendations: This group includes primarily the outcomes of the Policy Convergence Round Tables sessions held during Plenary;
- c) Process-related recommendations: These are more specific recommendations addressed to the CFS Secretariat, Bureau, Advisory Group, and/or the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE). They include specific tasks or reporting requests.

a) CFS PRODUCTS -FINAL OUTCOMES: VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE OF LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY (VG GT)

The VGGT were endorsed at the 38th (special) Session of the CFS in May 2012. They are the first comprehensive, global instrument on tenure to be developed through intergovernmental negotiations with the participation of civil society and the private sector. By addressing a range of governance issues related to access to land, fisheries and forests, they provide a

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framework that governments can use and tailor when developing their own strategies, policies and legislation regarding tenure. Their implementation, closely followed within FAO and IFAD among others, has been encouraged by the G20, Rio+20, the United Nations General Assembly and the Francophone Assembly of Parliamentarians.

An update on the VG GT implementation support will be given during CFS 40, agenda item "A framework for monitoring CFS decisions.

b) CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Update on

- 1) **Policy Round Table on Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition** (for details see CFS 39 Final Report, Para 8 a) to d)
- 2) **Policy Round Table on Food Security and Climate Change** (for details see CFS 39 Final Report, Para. 11 a) to d)

c) PROCESS-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

Update on

1. **Agenda item III – Policy Convergence**

- a) **Policy Round Table on Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition** (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para 8e)
 - facilitation and convening of lesson-sharing events on social protection for food security and nutrition, including complementing existing global and regional platforms;
 - further exploration of a way forward on integrating food security and nutrition issues in social protection floors, in consultation with Rome-based Agencies and relevant organizations and entities, such as the High-Level Task Force on Food Security (HLTF), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Bank;
 - the CFS Open-ended Working Group on Monitoring (OEWG-Monitoring) further clarifying the support CFS could offer to stakeholders in the monitoring, reporting and evaluation of social protection programmes for food security and nutrition, taking into account the roles of other relevant stakeholders and existing monitoring mechanisms.
- b) **Policy Round Table on Food Security and Climate Change** (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.11f)
 - the CFS Secretariat to transmit for information the HLPE report on Food Security and Climate Change and the present document of the CFS to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and to the UNFCCC Secretariat.

The OEWG-Monitoring has started work on these issues during 2013

This was done shortly after the 39th Session. CFS recommendations have also been presented in the Plenary of UNFCCC/Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) in Doha, December 2012, as an introduction to the agriculture

item.

2. Agenda item V – Policy Convergence and Coordination

a. Food Security and Nutrition Terminology (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.16)

- recommended that the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group and the joint Secretariat determines the scope and timing of further work based on priorities and available resources the results of this work should be presented to the CFS plenary.

As there was no consensus on this item in Plenary and due to resource constraints this activity was not pursued in 2013.

b. Adoption of the First Version of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) (for details see CFS 39 Final Report, Para.18e)

- agreed that the GSF should be updated regularly to reflect the outcomes and recommendations of CFS. ...

A procedure to update the GSF has been proposed to CFS 40

(Ref: CFS/2013/40/5 and CFS/2013/40/5 Add.1).

c. Agenda item C: Addressing Policy Gaps and Emerging Issues and Agenda item and Agenda item VIII: Conclusions and Way Forward (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.21a, c and d)

- the HLPE ... to undertake the following two studies to be presented to Plenary in 2014
 - the role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition;
 - food losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems
- the OEWG on MYPOW:
 - to elaborate further on their “Guidance note on Selection and Prioritization of CFS Work-streams” (CFS 2012/39/11 Rev.1, Annex 1) to further refine its process for prioritization for future work streams including inputs from regional level;
 - to review the gaps and emerging issues identified by members and participants under this item against the criteria outlined in CFS 2012/39/11 Rev.1, Annex 1 for prioritization, selection and integration, as possible new issues to be addressed by the CFS for 2014 and beyond

The HLPE has started the elaboration of the two reports and committed to finalize and publish them on time in 6 languages, conditional on sufficient resources committed to the HLPE Trust Fund to fill the budget gap.

The OEWG on MYPOW has taken on board these recommendations and is reporting on progress including proposals to CFS 40 (Ref: MYPOW CFS 2013/40/9 Rev.1)

d. Responsible Agricultural Investments: the Way Forward (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.23 b and c)

- agreed that the consultation process will be implemented by the CFS Secretariat under the oversight of the Bureau and in close collaboration with the OEWG on responsible agricultural investments;
- requested that the principles emanating from the CFS

The OEWG on rai has been taking the process forward and is reporting progress to CFS 40 (Ref: CFS/2013/40/6)

consultative process be submitted for endorsement by CFS at its 41st Session in October 2014

e. Addressing Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crisis (for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.24d)

- requested the CFS Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group and the Secretariat to oversee the process of arriving at an “Agenda for Action” as per the decisions of the 36th and 37th Sessions of the Committee;

The OEWG on Agenda for Action has been taking the process forward and is reporting progress to CFS 40 (Ref: CFS/2013/40/7)

f. Agenda item VII – Monitoring, Mapping and Follow-up

Monitoring:

(for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.33b)

- CFS recommendations be actionable and targeted at specific stakeholders;
- the need for CFS to respond to the CFS reform document’s call for an “innovative mechanism” to help countries and regions, as appropriate, to address the question of whether food security and nutrition objectives are being achieved;
- that the OEWG on Monitoring continue its work in 2013 as outlined in Para. 9 (of document CFS 2012/39/9) and report back to CFS at its 40th Session in October 2013.

These matters were addressed by the OEWG on Monitoring and an update provided to CFS 40 (Ref: CFS/2013/40/8)

Mapping Food Security and Nutrition Actions at Country Level

(for details see CFS 39 Final Report, Para.38 c and d)

- encouraged the development of a time bound work-plan with clear outputs and resource...
- encouraged the Rome-based agencies (RBA), in collaboration with key partners and an expanded Task Team, as appropriate, to assist in the development and implementation of the above mentioned work plan based on resources available.

There has been some follow-up by the Task Team at country and regional levels, as well as contributions to the OEWG on Monitoring as described above. However, given resource constraints, further technical follow-up was not considered a priority for 2013

g. Agenda item IX Other matters

Proposed Amendments to the CFS Rules of Procedure and to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization

(for details see: CFS 39 Final Report, Para.43)

- The Committee mandated the Bureau to develop the selection procedures, including the required qualifications and the terms of reference, for the position of the CFS Secretary, together with modalities and requirements for inclusion in the Secretariat of other UN entities directly concerned with food security and nutrition, with a view to submitting proposals to the Committee during its plenary Session in October 2013.

These matters were addressed by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and an update provided to CFS 40 (Ref: CFS/2013/40/10)