

COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Thirty-sixth Session

Rome, 11-14 and 16 October 2010

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATIONS POLICY ROUNDTABLES

1. Objectives

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 this session is to highlight some of those key issues with a view to arriving at recommendations which promote coherence among the policies of various stakeholders. The recommendations from the round table discussions will be submitted to Plenary for approval.

Panellists will represent a range of stakeholders: governments, grassroots organisations, civil society organisations and the private sector.

The key outcomes expected from the session are:

- The identification of policies that address food security and nutrition challenges;
- Ways to promote policy convergence, coherence and joint action;
- Guidance to relevant institutions on how to play a facilitating role;
- Global, regional and national implications.

2. Discussion topics

There will be three topics discussed in equal parallel sessions:

- a) Addressing food insecurity in protracted crises: issues and challenges
- b) Land tenure and international investment in agriculture
- c) Managing vulnerability and risk.

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A concept note will be prepared as a background for each topic outlining:

- a) the main challenges
- b) key issues
- c) policy implications and recommendations
- d) matters for the attention of and expected guidance from the Committee.

3. Format

A round table format will be used to facilitate discussions on each topic. There will be a Chair and a Rapporteur. The Chair will open panel discussions, invite the panellists to make their presentations and will summarise the major points and recommendations coming from the session. Recommendations from these sessions will be presented to Plenary.

The discussions will be divided into two parts:

- The first part will include 10-minute presentations from the panellists, addressing points

 (a) to (d) above. The overall time for presentations should not exceed 50 minutes to
 allow sufficient time for discussion
- 2. The second part will include an open floor discussion where participants will ask questions and share their views on the initiatives presented. Interventions therefore should be brief, to the point and should focus on contributing to recommendations based on knowledge, best practices and lessons learnt.