



## COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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#### Agenda Item VIII

#### UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (CFS) IN ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION (October 2010)

This document provides an update on the implementation of decisions taken by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). A summary of the decision and its source are shown in the left column and the update is in the right column. The updates are listed according to the CFS 36 Agenda Item.

#### III. THE STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY (SOFI) 2010

*A Round Table to review methods used to estimate the number of hungry be arranged during 2011 by the CFS Bureau assisted by the Secretariat.*

**Source:** CFS 36 Final Report, Para 9 bullet 5

A Round Table on monitoring food security is scheduled to be held in Rome at FAO HQ from 12-13 September. The meeting will bring together hunger and poverty experts to discuss state-of-the-art methods used for analyzing and quantifying food insecurity and to seek an agreement on future directions for research and policy analysis. The Round Table sessions will discuss the fundamental elements informing the definition and calculations of the FAO hunger indicator, ways to broaden the scope of analysis and monitoring various dimensions of food security, how results could be more effectively reported and accessed, how to strengthen the role of countries in measuring and monitoring

	food security and recommendations for further action. The main findings of the Round Table will be presented to CFS 37.
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## IV. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Include the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) in the Advisory Group</i></li> </ul>	The SCN has been an active member of the Advisory Group since CFS 36. Other ways to further include SCN are being explored.
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 12 bullets 1 &amp; 2</p>	
<p><i>The Committee decided to invite submission of progress reports on these and other key initiatives to future sessions of the CFS.</i></p>	Under CFS 37 Agenda Item IV, Updates on Global and Regional Initiatives and Linkages with CFS, initiatives that presented at CFS 36 were invited to provide updates. Others that did not present at CFS 36 were also invited.

## V. REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

<p><i>Build, strengthen and maintain linkages with regional initiatives and fora in the intersessional period.</i></p>	<p>The CFS Chair participated in the FAO Regional Conferences in 2010. CFS side events were held to discuss possible linkages, particularly the establishment or strengthening of regional multi-stakeholder mechanisms. Synergies were also established with initiatives such as the sub-regional FAO policy seminars to address high food prices held throughout 2011.</p> <p>A regional workshop on Food Security and Nutrition in the Near East was organized in October 2011 as a follow up to the decision of the 30<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference for the Near East (NERC) held in Khartoum, Sudan in November 2010.</p> <p>The CFS Secretariat is currently developing a more comprehensive approach to CFS outreach at regional level. Some regional initiatives that made presentations at CFS 36 were invited to provide updates to CFS 37 under Agenda Item IV, Updates on Global and Regional Initiatives and Linkages with CFS. New regional initiatives were also invited.</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 17</p>	

## VI. OVERVIEW BY THE CHAIR OF COUNTRY REQUESTS TO THE CFS

*The Chair proposed that for CFS 37, countries could be offered the chance to present their current and planned activities for development partnerships in the area of food security and nutrition. Opportunities for South -South and triangular cooperation could also be explored.*

The agenda for CFS 37 could not accommodate this proposal due to time restrictions while there was no inputs received from countries. This item could be considered in the planning for CFS 38<sup>th</sup>.

**Source:** CFS 36 Final Report, Para 19

## VII. NATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – CASE STUDIES

*The CFS requested the Secretariat to elaborate a document to be forwarded to the next session of the CFS that would include a consolidation and analysis of lessons learnt and suggestions with respect to further case studies that could complement these lessons.*

As there was no common format for the country case studies that were presented at CFS 36, the results were fragmented and difficult to analyze. In future sessions, more attention will be paid to ensure a common format for such agenda items in order to expedite analysis.

**Source:** CFS 36 Final Report, Para 22

## VIII. POLICY ROUNDTABLE

### Addressing food insecurity in protracted crises

*Explore the possibility of organizing a High-Level Expert Forum on Protracted Crises no later than 2012 with a view of discussing the elaboration of a new Agenda for Action for Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises in collaboration with other specialized agencies and humanitarian partners.*

**Source:** CFS 36 Final Report, Para 25 v

Preparatory work for the possibility of organizing of a High-Level Experts Forum (HLEF) on Protracted Crisis was conducted in 2011, including a review of existing programmes, initiatives and related stakeholders to determine how such a forum could add value. Such a review will also be used to “chart” the participation of relevant stakeholders in a global debate, and eventually, the possibility of the elaboration of an Agenda for Action. It is anticipated that the HLEF will contribute to improving the way food insecurity in protracted crises is addressed and provide more effective assistance for overcoming peoples’ food insecurity. A Concept Note has been prepared and submitted to the CFS Bureau and the

	Advisory Group and will be considered at CS 37 under Item VI, Global Coordination and Support for National Processes.
<i>An addendum to SOFI be published with a revised table 2 to include all countries and territories in protracted crises and that the list be expanded to include the Palestinian Territories1, West Bank and Gaza strip.</i>	An addendum has been published and is on the SOFI website.
<b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 25 vi	

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### Land tenure and international investment in agriculture

<p><i>The continuation of the inclusive process for the development of the Voluntary Guidelines (Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Other Natural Resources – VG) building on existing regional processes with a view to submitting the guidelines for the consideration of CFS 37 and establish an open-ended working group to review the first draft.</i></p>	<p>Following several regional consultations and an e-consultation, an Open Ended Working Group met for three days in June 2011 to collect stakeholder comments on a First Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines. These insights provided a sound basis to review and finalize the First Draft in a CFS-led Plenary Meeting from 12-15 July. A further CFS-led Plenary will be held on 10-14 October to finalize the Voluntary Guidelines that will then be submitted to CFS 37 under Agenda Item III.</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 26 i</p> <p><i>Start an inclusive process of consideration of the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments that Respect Rights, Livelihoods and Resources (RAI) within CFS.</i></p>	<p>An open-ended working group was established to implement the decision chaired by the CFS Bureau Vice-Chair who liaised with all major interested parties with a view to proposing a consultation process within CFS to prepare principles for responsible agricultural investment. After discussing several versions with the Bureau, Advisory Group and others, a proposal was approved by the Bureau in May 2011. The Open Ended Working Group met in July to discuss modalities for the implementation of the proposal which will be considered under Agenda Item V, Policy Round Table (a) " How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive Investment in Agriculture ".</p>

<p><i>Requested the HLPE to undertake studies, to be presented at CFS 37 on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>the respective roles of large-scale plantations and of small-scale farming, including economic, social, gender and environmental impacts</i></li> <li>• <i>review of the existing tools allowing the mapping of available land</i></li> <li>• <i>comparative analysis of tools to align large scale investments with country food security strategies.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The HLPE finalized its report on land tenure and international investments in agriculture. The report was released to the CFS Bureau in July 2011 and will be considered as one of the inputs to the Policy Round Table under Agenda Item V at CFS 37. It was produced following the Rules and Procedure of the HLPE agreed by the Bureau prior to finalization by the Project Team and approval by the HLPE Steering Committee at its 3rd meeting in Amsterdam (12-13 July 2011).</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 26 iv</p>	

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### Managing vulnerability and risk to promote better food security and nutrition

<p><i>Requested the HLPE to undertake studies, to be presented at CFS 37 on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Price Volatility</i></li> <li>• <i>Social Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Climate Change.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The HLPE finalized its report on food price volatility and released it to the Bureau in July 2011 and will be considered as one of the inputs to the Policy Round Table under Agenda Item V at CFS 37. The preparation of this report was produced following the HLPE Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 27 I, ii, iii</p>	<p>At the 2nd meeting of the HLPE Steering Committee with the CFS Bureau in December 2010, it was decided that the two other studies on Social Protection and Climate Change would be prepared for the 2012 CFS Session. The production of these two reports has already started.</p>

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

<p><b><i>A Development of a Global Strategic Framework</i></b></p> <p><i>Launch a consultative and inclusive process with the aim to develop the first version of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) by October 2012.</i></p>	<p>An Open Ended Working Group was established in December 2010. Following a broad participatory consultation, agreement in principle was reached on a document outlining</p>
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<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 29</p>	<p>"GSF Purposes, Basic Principles, Structure and Process, that was approved by the Bureau in April 2011. A GSF Annotated Outline was developed by a Task Team made up of the Advisory Group and the Secretariat during April and May 2011. The Annotated Outline was discussed in a broad and inclusive e-consultation between July and October 2011. The outcome of the e-consultation will be reported at CFS 37, Agenda Item VI with a proposal for the preparation of a GSF to be submitted to CFS 38 for endorsement.</p>
<p><b>B Mapping Food Security Actions at Country Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Request the Secretariat to continue facilitating the development and implementation plan contained in CFS: 2010/3 Mapping Food Security Actions at Country Level as one of the core activities of the CFS 2010/11 work programme with a view to providing an update of the process, including experiences from countries, at CFS 37.</i></li> <li>• <i>Recommend that 4 to 6 national governments present the results of mapping at CFS 37.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Following a stepwise approach, a study was first carried out of existing tools and methods that could contribute to mapping food security and nutrition actions. This was followed by a Technical Consultative Workshop that was held in Rome in May 2011 that included countries who are already involved in mapping food security and nutrition actions. The ensuing report is being presented at CFS 37 Agenda Item VI, Global Coordination and Support for National Processes. Specific country case studies that highlight country mapping experiences will also be presented under the same agenda item.</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 30 bullets 3 &amp; 4</p>	

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

*A Bureau Working Group continue to review and revise the **CFS Rules of Procedure**, Rule XXXIII of the GRO and the FAO Constitution, in light of the Reform Document (CFS:2009/2 Rev.2) and according to the process and timetable proposed in Section III of the document.*

A Bureau-led Working Group revised the Rules of Procedure which are being presented at CFS 37 under Agenda Item VII, The Implementation of the CFS Reform.

**Source:** CFS 36 Final Report, Para 33

<p><i>The proposed 2012-2013 <b>Programme of Work and Budget</b> be further reviewed by the Bureau and submitted for the consideration of FAO, IFAD and WFP in accordance with their respective financial rules and regulations;</i></p>	<p>A Bureau-led Working Group reviewed the Programme of Work and Budget for the CFS, which was approved by the Bureau in May 2011. This same group also drafted a Results-Based Framework which is being presented at CFS 37 under Agenda Item VII, The Implementation of the CFS Reform.</p>
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 35 bullet 2 &amp; 3</p>	
<p><i>Develop a results-based framework that is consistent with the organizational priorities of the Rome Based Agencies (and others) in the shape of a detailed MYPOW (Multi-year Programme of Work) to be preferably presented at CFS 37.</i></p>	
<p><b>Source:</b> CFS 36 Final Report, Para 35 bullet 4</p>	