



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all.

CFS promotes policy convergence and coherence on global food security and nutrition issues, promoting the progressive realization of the right to food and the development of sustainable and resilient food systems.

Its processes ensure that the voices of all relevant stakeholders are heard, particularly those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.

CFS is an integral component of global governance on food security and reports to the United Nations (UN) General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).



CFS membership includes representatives from:

- Member States
- UN agencies and bodies
- Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples' and non-governmental organizations
- Financial and research institutions
- Philanthropic foundations
- Private sector

CFS is jointly supported by the three Rome-based Agencies (RBAs): the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the World Food Programme (WFP).

These agencies provide core funding and technical expertise, and together form the joint CFS Secretariat, which is hosted by FAO. Activities are also funded through voluntary contributions.

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“Transforming our agrifood systems is no longer optional. Climate shocks, rising inequality, conflicts, and the persistent burden of malnutrition have made it clear: **the way we produce, distribute and consume food must change – and quickly”**

- Anas A. Al-Nabulsi, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security.

THE WORLD TODAY: CFS AS A KEY PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL DIALOGUE AND COORDINATED ACTION

According to The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2026 (SOFI 2026), an estimated **645 million people faced hunger in 2025, while one in three people worldwide could not afford a healthy diet.**

Although global hunger declined for a third consecutive year, progress remains fragile, unevenly distributed and insufficient. The world remains significantly off track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2), Zero Hunger, by 2030.

STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS

1. Platform: the CFS serves as a multi-stakeholder platform offering a trusted, legitimate and inclusive space for dialogue, knowledge exchange and coordination on food security and nutrition policies and action.

2. Policy Convergence: CFS develops and endorses voluntary policy recommendations and guidelines to help countries improve food security and nutrition.

3. Uptake: the CFS ensures that its policy products are used, applied, and integrated by governments, UN agencies, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders into national strategies, legislations, policies and programmes.

WHAT MAKES CFS UNIQUE?

The CFS policy products have an unrivalled level of international legitimacy as they:

- are negotiated by Member States with the inclusive participation of all key actors concerned with food security and nutrition;
- are informed by evidence and scientific analysis provided by the CFS High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN);
- draw from the technical capacity of the three RBAs – FAO, IFAD, and WFP – as well as other recognized institutions from around the world;
- are voluntary, yet serve as practical instruments to support policy making and can be tailored to the specific realities of countries and regions.

MOST RECENT AGREEMENTS: CFS POLICY PRODUCTS

CFS led the development of globally adopted policy convergence products on global food security and nutrition that include:

- **2025**, Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems
- **2024**, Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities in Food Security and Nutrition
- **2023**, Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition
- **2023**, Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition Data
- **2022**, Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition
- **2021**, Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

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