



CFS 54 DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

An overview of the 54th Plenary Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

The Plenary will begin with opening statements by United Nations (UN) high-level representatives followed by the presentation of the Report “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2026”, a panel discussion comprising regional perspectives on this year’s SOFI theme, and the presentation of the CFS summary report on Collaborative Governance for Coordinated Policy Responses to Emerging Global Food Crises towards Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation. The Session will continue with the presentation of the outcomes of the Second International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD+20) as well as of the CFS High-Level Forum on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Digitalization and Data Governance for Food Security and Nutrition.

A satellite session on *[placeholder for title]* will be held with the objective of stimulating an interactive dialogue on existing and potential partnerships between CFS and relevant international initiatives and on how to make the best use of the CFS multistakeholder platform and its evidence-based policy products to promote food security and nutrition.

During its 54th Session, the Committee is also expected to endorse its Policy Recommendations on Building Resilient Food Systems, resulting from an inclusive multi-stakeholder negotiation process, and to discuss its most significant elements and the opportunities for advancing and accelerating their uptake and implementation at global, regional, country, and local levels.

Additionally, CFS stakeholders will be invited to join a dedicated Session to discuss progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products.

The Committee will start discussing the next Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW), drawing on the Note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition prepared by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN). It will also be invited to consider the annual update of the rolling section of the CFS MYPoW, and to select the theme for the 2028 HLPE-FSN report.

A session will be dedicated to discuss the HLPE-FSN Report on Preserving, Strengthening and Promoting Indigenous Peoples’ Food and Knowledge Systems and Traditional Practices for Sustainable Food Systems.

The Plenary will also include a Global Thematic Event (GTE) to monitor the use and application of CFS policy recommendations relevant to Empowering Family Farmers.

Timekeeping and high-level participation:

The CFS Plenary Sessions provide the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction among stakeholders, including the opportunity for heads of delegations to deliver formal statements to the Plenary Session, or to submit them in writing. Delegations are requested to limit interventions to three minutes, with up to five minutes allowed for Ministers, heads of constituency delegations, or statements delivered on behalf of regional groups. Lengthy formal statements are not foreseen; however, presentations exceeding the allotted time may be shared electronically with the CFS Secretariat and will be posted on the dedicated website section. A traffic light system will be used to assist delegates in adhering to the allocated time.

All delegates are requested to email their statements to CFS@fao.org at least one hour before the Session, to allow sharing with the interpreters. The statements received will be posted in their original languages on the dedicated section of the CFS 54 webpage. [*hyperlink*]

In the event that a Member delegation includes senior-level participation, such as a Minister, Vice Minister, or State Secretary (or equivalent), the delegation should inform the CFS Secretariat so that the head of delegation can be given priority protocol consideration on the speakers list.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*for decision*)
- b) Membership of the Committee (*for information*)
- c) Drafting Committee composition (*for decision*)
- d) Modalities for the preparation of the CFS 54 Final Report (*for decision*)

II. THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2026 - STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AND COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS *(for information and discussion)*

- a) Opening statements by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 54 Session documents webpage):
 - The Secretary-General, United Nations (UN);
 - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
 - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
 - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP);
 - The President, United Nations General Assembly;
 - The President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
 - The Chairperson, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN);

- The Chairperson, Committee on World Food Security (CFS).
 - b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) Report 2026;
 - c) State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) Report 2026: Panel discussion on regional perspectives;
 - d) Presentation of the outcomes of the Second International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD+20);
 - e) Presentation of the CFS summary report on Collaborative Governance for Coordinated Policy Responses to Emerging Global Food Crises towards Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation;
 - f) Presentation of the outcomes of the CFS High-Level Forum on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Digitalization and Data Governance for Food Security and Nutrition;
 - g) Presentation of the outcomes of the satellite session on strengthening CFS partnerships with relevant international initiatives to promote food security and nutrition;
 - h) Delegates' statements on Strengthening Coordination and Collaborative Actions for Food Security and Nutrition.

III. ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON BUILDING RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS *(for decision)*

The final version of the CFS Policy Recommendations on *Building Resilient Food Systems*, resulting from an inclusive multi-stakeholder negotiation process within an Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), will be presented for consideration and endorsement by the Plenary. The Session will also represent an opportunity to highlight the most significant elements of the Policy Recommendations and the opportunities for advancing and accelerating their uptake and implementation at global, regional, country, and local levels.

IV. STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS *(for information and discussion)*

This session is intended to shed light on the outcomes of ongoing uptake efforts carried out by different stakeholders, to discuss ways to promote a systemic promotion of CFS uptake, to identify new and stronger ways of collaboration as well as to discuss ideas for future uptake strategies and activities.

V. CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION BEYOND 2030 *(for discussion and decision)*

This agenda item will be divided into three parts:

- a) Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition (*for discussion*);
- b) Update of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 (*for decision*);
- c) Theme of the HLPE-FSN Report 2028 (*for decision*).

VI. PRESERVING, STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FOOD AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONAL PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
(for discussion)

This Session will include a presentation of the HLPE-FSN Report on Preserving, Strengthening and Promoting Indigenous Peoples' Food and Knowledge Systems and Traditional Practices for Sustainable Food Systems. CFS stakeholders will be encouraged to provide feedback and inputs on the content of the report in view of the upcoming CFS policy convergence process.

VII. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON EMPOWERING FAMILY FARMERS
(for information and discussion)

A Global Thematic Event (GTE) on Empowering Family Farmers will be held as a contribution to the objectives of the 2019-2028 UN Decade of Family Farming and to monitor progress on the use and application of a number of relevant CFS policy recommendations: "How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder Sensitive Investments in Agriculture" (2011); "Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition" (2013); "Connecting Smallholders to Markets" (2016); and "Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition" (2022).

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Date of the Fifty-fifth Session of CFS (*for decision*);
- b) CFS Bureau and Alternate members (*for decision*);
- c) Adoption of the Final Report (*for decision*).