



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Forty-eighth Session

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

4 June 2021

DRAFT REPORT

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) held its Forty-eighth Session on 4 June 2021 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. The Session, held virtually, was attended by delegates from 102 Members of the Committee; 5 non-Member States of the Committee, and by representatives from:

10 United Nations Agencies and Bodies;

70 Civil society organizations¹;

2 International agricultural research organizations;

1 International and regional financial institutions;

33 Private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations²; and

9 Observers.

¹ Civil Society's participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 68 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM.

² This figure includes 24 companies under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).

Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

2. 4 Ministers and 2 Vice-Ministers registered, and a video statement by the President of Sri Lanka was delivered. The full list of Members, Participants and Observers will be available as document CFS 2021/48/Inf.3 (<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs87/en/>)
3. The Report contains the following Annexes: Appendix A - Agenda of the Session; Appendix B - Membership of the Committee; Appendix C - List of documents; Appendix D – CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition;
4. The Committee was informed that the European Union (EU) was participating in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article II of the FAO Constitution.
5. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda.
6. Opening statements were delivered by Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Chairperson, Committee on World Food Security; Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Mr Dominik Ziller, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)³ and Mr Martin Cole, Chairperson, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition.
7. The Rapporteur, Mr Yaya Olaniran of Nigeria, introduced the item “CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition ” (CFS 2021/48/2) and summarized the conduct, process, and outcome of the negotiations.

³ The opening statements are available on the CFS webpage: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs48/list-of-documents/en/as> CFS 2012/38/Inf.4; CFS 2012/38/Inf.5 and CFS 2012/38/Inf.6 respectively.

**II. ADOPTION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON
AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THAT ENHANCE
FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

Decision Box

The Committee:

- a) expresses appreciation for the effective leadership of the current, and previous, Rapporteur, and acknowledges with appreciation the work of the HLPE to prepare the report on ‘Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition’;
- b) endorses CFS 2021/48/2 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition” taking note of their voluntary and non-binding nature;
- c) encourages all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, in solidarity, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations to support the development, enhancement and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives, where appropriate;
- d) encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share these lessons with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;
- e) underlines the valuable input the Policy Recommendations will provide to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 discussions and any follow up process;
- f) decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g) encourages FAO, IFAD and WFP to consider, through their Governing Bodies, the enhancement of coordination and coherence with respect to their strategies, policies and programmes on agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition;
- h) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, ensure and encourage the wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform

Document;

- i) agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF);
- j) underlines the importance of promoting the role of innovation in family farming, and invites the Steering Committee of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming, in collaboration with FAO and IFAD, considering the findings of the HLPE report on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition (CFS 2019/46/INF/17), and these Policy Recommendations, into the implementation of the Global Action Plan of the United Nations Decade on Family Farming;
- k) invites the HLPE Steering Committee to consider these Policy Recommendations, where relevant, in the preparation of the upcoming HLPE Report on Data Collection and Analysis Tools, and in line with the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 (CFS 2019/46/7 paras 38-44), including on how these Policy Recommendations could contribute and be used to enrich the CFS Data Collection and Analysis workstream, and in relation to comprehensive metrics and indicators covering social, environmental and economic dimensions of agriculture and food systems to strengthening the capacity of countries to collect, analyze and use quality data for improved decision making.

III. REPORT OF THE SESSION

8. The report was adopted on Friday, 4 June 2021.