SE11: Uptake of the CFS policy recommendations on food security and nutrition (FSN) data – where do we stand?

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Summary of the side event

In the margins of the 52nd Plenary Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS 52), FAO, together with UNICEF, the World Bank and the International Agri-Food Network co-hosted the side event **"Uptake of the CFS policy recommendations on food security and nutrition (FSN) data – where do we stand?"** on Tuesday, 22 October 2024.

Attended by about 200 participants, this event gathered representatives from National Statistical Offices, Civil Society Organizations, and leading international organization experts committed to implementing the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) data policy recommendations adopted at its 51st session in 2023.

The objective of the side event – chaired by Lynnette Neufeld, Director of the FAO Food and Nutrition Division– was to take stock of the actions taken to implement the CFS recommendations; assess what remain to be done; and discuss the lessons learned and challenges that different stakeholders are facing in implementing the recommendations.

 "We need to redouble our efforts to implement the CFS recommendations on FSN data, which will in turn help improve data quality and ultimately help global efforts in achieving zero hunger and malnutrition", stated **Máximo Torero Cullen**, FAO Chief Economist, in his opening remarks.

In the first part, the audience heard from **José Rosero Moncayo**, FAO Chief Statistician; **Chika Hayashi**, Chief Nutrition Data Unit, UNICEF; and **Vasco Molini**, Programme Manager of the 50x2030 Initiative. The three speakers provided an overview of actions taken to implement the policy recommendations at global level, including in the context of the UN Statistical Commission, the 2025

Comprehensive Review of the SDG indicator framework and global capacity development efforts for FSN statistics.

"The new data domain on food security and nutrition statistics adopted in 2024 under the aegis of the UN Statistical Commission marks a significant milestone in promoting discussion on food security and nutrition data at the international level", said **José Rosero Moncayo**, FAO Chief Statistician.

In the second part of the side event, the audience observed a panel discussion in which **H.E. Carla Barroso Carneiro**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO; **Mr. Samuel Kobina Annim**, Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Services; **Mr. Graham Mullier**, Lead Architect Data Collaboration, Digital Agriculture Association; and **Ms. Challis McDonough**, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, outlined the steps that each has taken to implement the recommendations, what challenges they are facing, and what possible solutions are available for addressing these challenges.

"Without resources, there is no capacity development, and without capacity development, we have little chance of bridging data gaps or reducing global disparities in data production capacity and data availability. We are therefore grateful to all our partners for their continued support in this area, such as demonstrated by the 50by2030 Initiative", concluded **Máximo Torero** in a video message.