

CFS 53rd Plenary

Agenda item VI. Strengthening the Impact of CFS Policy Products Wednesday, 22 October 2025, 15:00-18:00 (CET)

Statement to be delivered by Anna Horner, UN-Nutrition Senior Coordinator.

Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the UN-Nutrition members, we would like to commend the Committee on World Food Security for the high quality of its policy products. The UN-Nutrition Secretariat, on behalf of, and in collaboration with, the member agencies, actively promotes the uptake of CFS policy products to enhance global food security and nutrition outcomes.

One particularly valuable product for UN-Nutrition is the *Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition*. These guidelines promote policy coherence and aim to reduce fragmentation across sectors—including health, agriculture, education, environment, gender, social protection, trade, and more.

Since their endorsement in February 2021, the UN-Nutrition Secretariat and member agencies have disseminated the CFS guidelines through their different channels and networks, connecting with a wide range of policy makers and implementers at the national level. Also, UN-Nutrition Secretariat regularly features CFS policy products in its toolbox for country support, including in dialogues—also known as “clinics”—with UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams. This model has shown promise and is one we are considering expanding. These efforts are reported annually to ECOSOC, contributing to broader advocacy for increased uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines by UN Member States.

In 2025, the *Nutrition for Growth Summit* in Paris marked a major milestone, generating the highest level of financial pledges to date and over 400 commitments—both financial and programmatic. CFS policy products supported the formulation of these commitments. The *Nutrition Integration Compact*, launched at the summit, was signed by 84 countries and organizations within just three months. Going forward, CFS policy products will continue to be instrumental in supporting this important initiative.

CFS policy products are more than voluntary—they represent landmark consensus. Their strength lies in their negotiated content, which serves as a guide not only for whole-of-government action, but also for civil society and private sector engagement.

To achieve real impact, we must go beyond referencing CFS policy products in national strategies. We need to bring them to life—scaling up their core policy guidance and ensuring practical implementation.

UN-Nutrition Secretariat and Member Agencies stand ready to continue sharing, promoting, and supporting the implementation of CFS policy products in our collective efforts to advance food security and nutrition worldwide.

Thank you, Madam Chair