

This Annual Progress Report 2018 of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) provides an overview of key activities in the intersessional year from October 2017 to October 2018, progress made on decisions and recommendations of the 44th CFS Plenary Session in October 2017, and updates on communication and outreach, budget, resource mobilization, and the activities of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE).

I. KEY ACTIVITIES AFTER CFS 44 AND LEADING UP TO CFS 45

CFS and Nutrition

The CFS Nutrition Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), chaired by Mr. Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt) met three times in 2018 to develop and finalize the Terms of Reference (TORs) for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. The TORs, which are being presented for endorsement at CFS 45, respond to the guidance previously provided by CFS Plenary and meet the request to adopt a comprehensive and systemic approach to food systems, building on the evidence provided in the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems, aiming at addressing the existing policy fragmentation between the food, agriculture and health sectors.

The CFS Chair, Mr. Mario Arvelo (Dominican Republic), participated in the joint FAO/WHO Regional Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets in Europe and Central Asia (Budapest) which was also attended by Ms. Eileen Kennedy, HLPE Steering Committee member who presented the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems and the Secretariat. The OEWG Chair and the CFS Secretariat also attended the regional symposia in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador), Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok), Africa (Abidjan), Near East and North Africa (Muscat) and Europe and Central Africa. The Asia and the Pacific Symposium was also attended by Ms. Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project Team Leader for Report on Nutrition and Food Systems.

At CFS 45 there will be a session called “Good Practice and Lesson Sharing for Improved Nutrition” which builds on the outcomes of an Expert Group Meeting on Nutrition, held in New York in June 2018 which the CFS Chair participated in by video message. The CFS 45 session is intended to highlight the interlinkages between nutrition and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and discuss how to translate them into effective guidance for policies, programmes and stakeholder engagement.

CFS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development continued during this period. The CFS contribution to the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) was finalized in an open meeting facilitated by Mr. Willem Olthof (EU). The contribution focused on the global follow-up and review theme “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” and highlighted interlinkages between food security and nutrition and the specific SDGs under review for 2018 which are SDGs 6, 7,

11, 12, 15 and 17. Two additional open meetings were held to discuss a draft contribution to the HLPF in 2019 as well as modalities for further CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda beyond 2019.

CFS co-organized with the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) a side event at the 2018 HLPF in New York. The side event titled “Moving to sustainable and resilient societies: the food security and nutrition dimensions” included a keynote on the findings of the HLPE report on Nutrition and Food Systems and focused on the interlinkages between SDG 2 and the SDGs under review this year.

The CFS Chair participated in a series of events throughout the year to raise awareness of CFS, its multi-stakeholder model and its efforts to address food security and nutrition challenges in the context of the 2030 Agenda. As part of his outreach, the CFS Chair met with high-level delegates in New York to raise the profile of the Committee and awareness of CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda.

CFS 45 includes a session on “CFS and the 2030 Agenda: Good Practices and Lesson Sharing” providing an opportunity for a focused exchange on good practices and challenges in achieving the food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture related SDGs. The outcomes of the session on “lessons learned” can further support thematic follow-up and review discussions at the national, regional, and global levels, and provide examples against which to follow progress until 2030.

Monitoring CFS effectiveness

The OEWG on Monitoring chaired by Ms. Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa) had one meeting to prepare for the Global Thematic Event (GTE) on monitoring the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food to be held at CFS 45. Two calls for inputs were issued to collect experiences and good practices from stakeholders including through the organization of multistakeholder events. A summary of the submissions received and an outline of the event were prepared as background documents for the GTE and discussed at the meeting.

[Text to be updated pending decisions of the Bureau 25 July regarding whether to have an event to monitor other CFS policy recommendation(s) in 2019.]

Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition

This workstream was facilitated by Mr. Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands). The two intersessional events scheduled to take place in 2018 were not held due to lack of extrabudgetary resources. The rationale for the two events was to provide CFS with additional elements to assess the feasibility of a policy convergence process that would support governments and other stakeholders at the national and local level within the context of changing rural-urban dynamics. The selected topics remain highly relevant to the work of the Committee and present complementarities with other thematic workstreams such as CFS and Nutrition.

Multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda

Since CFS 44, the HLPE continued its work on Report #13 on Multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda (MSP). This included the open consultation organized on the zero draft of the report (16 January – 19 February 2018); the 2nd Project Team face-to-face meeting hosted by the Centre for Development Innovation of the Wageningen University & Research (WUR), Wageningen, the Netherlands (6-8 March 2018); and the independent scientific peer-review of the V1 draft of the report (26 March – 16 April 2018).

The second draft of the report, as well as the corresponding recommendations, have been discussed and validated by the HLPE Steering Committee in its last meeting hosted by International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Yaoundé, Cameroun (2-5 May 2018). The final report was launched in FAO HQ on 27 June 2018 and is available [online](#).

Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition

Following CFS 44 Plenary session, the HLPE initiated its work on the report #14 on agroecological approaches and other innovations with the open consultation organized on the scope of this report (18 October – 1 December 2017); the call for experts (18 October – 1 December 2017) which attracted 255 candidates, showing the high interest of the scientific community for this topic; and the 1st Project Team (PT) face-to-face meeting hosted by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), in Nairobi, Kenya (15-18 May 2018) where the main concepts and questions to be covered in the report, the conceptual framework and the outline of the report were discussed. A method of work and a provisional timeline for the study was agreed. The open consultation on the V0 draft is planned before the end of 2018.

The Evaluation of CFS

The CFS Bureau, in line with the mandate given at CFS 44, finalized the Plan of Action (CFS 2018/45/XX) and implemented the response to all recommendations (except Recommendations 3, 4, 8 and 9). The Plan of Action includes the response to all recommendations from the CFS Independent Evaluation (CFS 2017/44/INF/XX) carried out in 2016-2017.

The Implementation Report (CFS 2018/45/XX) documents the implementation of the Plan of Action. It seeks to clarify or revitalize particular elements of the reform to strengthen CFS as the most inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition, taking into consideration the worrying increase in hunger and malnutrition¹, the new global food security and nutrition environment shaped by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition, the UN Decade on Family Farming 2019-2028 and other relevant initiatives. **The Bureau was mandated to finalize the**

¹ The state of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2017

implementation of the response to Recommendations 3, 4, 8 and 9 and report to CFS 46. The Plan of Action and the Implementation Report are being presented to CFS 45 for endorsement.

The process was conducted by two co-facilitators nominated by the Bureau, Ms. Jiani Tian (China) and Mr. Oliver Mellenthin (Germany). The process included inclusive discussions with all stakeholders in the form of open meetings, and a Bureau retreat, to brainstorm how best to proceed with an effective and efficient implementation process. Written inputs, bilateral meetings and meetings of friends of the co-facilitators ensured voices were heard. All information was shared with CFS stakeholders in an open and transparent manner through the CFS Working Space.

II. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Round Up of CFS 44

Attendance

CFS 44 was attended by 1,149 registered delegates including four Ministers and two Vice-Ministers representing the following constituencies:

- 116 Members of the Committee;
- 7 non-Member States of the Committee
- 12 United Nations Agencies and Bodies;
- 112 Civil society organizations
- 3 International agricultural research organizations;
- 3 International and regional financial institutions;
- 62 Private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations
- 58 Observers

Side Events and Information Marketplace

A total of 56 Side Events were held throughout the week which included the involvement of 134 Side Event Organizers some of which were new to CFS. According to the data collected, the Side Events were attended by 2,864 people. The most attended Side Event had over 95 participants recorded and the second, third and fourth most attended Side Event had more than 90 participants. On average, each delegate attended 2 side events, but there were delegates who attended up to 12 side events during the week.

In a follow up survey of the Side Event organizers 100% of those who responded were either very satisfied or satisfied with the overall experience of having a Side Event at CFS 44. 80% of those surveyed said that having a side event enabled them to engage with stakeholders that they would not otherwise have had access to. 74% said they intended to request a side event at a future CFS session.

Most Side Event organizers sent in the summary by the deadline of 31 October which were posted on the [CFS 44 Side Event](#) page.

A total of 35 exhibitors were allocated space in the Information Marketplace held in the FAO Atrium. CFS distributed the newly printed graphic layout versions of the policy recommendations, the new CFS brochure as well as RAI and the FFA. The VGGT were available on a dedicated table. The HLPE

distributed 2,214 Reports, a 30% increase on the previous year. A total of 18 videos were looped in the Information Marketplace.

Outreach and Media

Before the session, information on CFS 44 was published on the intranets of FAO, IFAD and WFP to inform staff of what to expect. The FAO newsroom detected 324 mentions of CFS or the Committee on World Food Security (all official languages) in the period running 1 week before and 1 week after CFS. Of those, 9 were in outlets ranked by FAO as “top tier” due to their readership or influence. IISD Reporting Services covered CFS 44 Plenary Sessions. The daily reports and summary of the week are available at this [link](#).

During the week, the social media hashtag #CFS44 was used in 9,400 tweets by 2,304 contributors, seen by over 9.7 million people. This is an increase of over 2 million on CFS 43. The Facebook campaign also performed quite well in terms of reach and engagement. Twenty-five social reporters sponsored by the Global Forum for Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) were given training the weekend before CFS 44 and then wrote blog posts covering the side events. Over 70 articles are on the [CFS blog](#).

The CFS website was visited by 4,690 users during CFS44, staying on the website for around 3 minutes and visiting 2.5 pages. Most of the users were based in Italy, US, UK, France, Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, India and Brazil.

The previous CFS Chair, Ms. Amira Gornass (Sudan) published an article in a special edition of the Daily Telegraph for [World Food Day 2017](#).

PaperSmart/Greening

Once again the PaperSmart approach significantly reduced the number of printed copies of documents during CFS 44. Participants were invited to choose green accommodation, bring refillable water bottles and side event organizers were offered sustainable menus. The CO2 equivalent emissions associated with CFS 44 was offset through the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now platform.

Chair's Outreach Activities

The CFS Chair participated in a series of high-level events throughout the year to raise awareness of CFS, its multi-stakeholder model and its efforts to address food security and nutrition challenges in the context of the 2030 Agenda. Events included:

- the five FAO Regional Conferences where he called for active engagement of all delegations for the Committee to be more effective and for a genuine ownership of CFS and its policy guidelines and recommendations by all its Members;
- the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting (USA) to present the accomplishments of CFS 44 and to raise awareness of CFS engagement in advancing the Agenda 2030;
- the event “Getting Together for the Future of Food” (London) to re-engage with the Crop Trust and strengthen partnerships towards achieving zero hunger;
- the event “The Role of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” (Washington D.C.) to discuss with North-America based

stakeholders the potential role of CFS to support country-led initiatives to achieve SDG2 and others;

- the “Food Systems Dialogues” (Stockholm) to advance the current process for policy coherence and convergence in nutrition by listening to the challenges people face and then successfully involving new stakeholders;
- the Global Agripreneurs Summit 2018 (Istanbul) to understand how youth innovators can effectively contribute to sustainable agriculture and global food security also through their direct participation in CFS;
- authoring a blog article for the [Economist Intelligence Unit](#).

The CFS Vice Chair Ms. Valentina Savastano (Italy) participated in a High-Level Roundtable on *Climate-Resilient Landscapes for Improved Food Security and Nutrition* held at COP23 (Germany) to discuss the interlinkages between climate change, landscapes, resilience, food security and nutrition; and Mr. Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica) represented the Committee at the *Third Summit of Regions on Food Security and Food Sovereignty* (Ecuador) to better understand the role of local authorities to achieve food security and to engage them in global policy processes. In addition, the CFS Chair and Vice-Chair took part in several other events held in Rome, including the FAO Council, the Opening Ceremony of the 24th Session of the Committee on Forestry, the launch of the HLPE Report on MSPs and the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution.

Other CFS Outreach Activities

During this period the graphic layout versions of all the CFS policy recommendations were made available on the [CFS website](#) including displaying the Sustainable Development Goals that they support.

The following outreach events were organized in September 2017 and were therefore too late to be included in the Annual Progress Report 2017:

- [Forum on Women’s Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition](#) (Monday, 25 September 2017, 09:30 – 17:00, FAO, Rome, Italy)
- [Achieving the 2025 Global Target for Stunting: Investing in Food Systems to Prevent Stunting](#) (Friday, 22 September 2017, 09:30 – 15:30, FAO, Rome, Italy)
- [Forum on Support to Food Security and Nutrition in West Africa by Increasing Smallholders’ Access to Markets](#) (Wednesday, 20 September 2017, 09:30 – 17:30, Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire)
- [Forum on Support to Food Security and Nutrition in Ethiopia by Increasing Smallholders’ Access to Markets](#) (Wednesday, 13 September 2017, 09:30 – 17:30, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

HLPE Outreach

Each year, the HLPE Secretariat presents for its resource partners a detailed [activity report](#), including outreach and communication efforts and a [note](#) describing the impact of the HLPE work and publications in and beyond CFS, at international, regional and national levels. This note shows that the HLPE reports are used in many ways, years after their publication.

Outreach efforts of Patrick Caron, HLPE Steering Committee Chair, include participation in various events, such as:

- UNFCCC (COP23) High Level Roundtable SDG2 co-organized by FAO, in Bonn (Germany) on 14 November 2017,
- The 3rd International conference on Global Food Security, organized by Elsevier, Cape Town, South Africa (3 to 6 December 2017),
- The 2nd FOOD 2030 High Level Event Research & Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security – Transforming our food systems, held at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv (Bulgaria) under the auspices of the 2018 Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council (14 to 15 June 2018).

The HLPE Chair also presented HLPE outputs to different audiences. For example he presented the HLPE Report #12 on Nutrition and Food Systems to:

- The French Fund for Food and Health (15 November 2017),
- The first meeting of the “Alliance for transforming food systems to reduce overweight and obesity in Latin America and the Caribbean” co-organized by FAO and IFPRI in Santiago, Chile (15-16 January 2018),
- The American University of Beirut, Lebanon (18 April 2018),
- The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Yaoundé, Cameroon (5 May 2018).

The HLPE also co-organized or contributed to a number of high-level events in cooperation with academic and other relevant institutions in the area of food security and nutrition. The HLPE Report # 12 on Nutrition and Food Systems obtained visibility also through an IFPRI-led official presentation to the USA scientific audience (18 January 2018). A presentation of this report was also given by Mr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and HLPE Project Team member for this report, at WHO, Geneva (20 February 2018). As in previous years, the HLPE Report # 13 on MSPs was presented and discussed with the students of the University of Roma III the day before the official Launch in FAO. The HLPE was also present with speeches and/or dissemination material at the following events:

- International Union of Nutrition Sciences, 21st International Congress of Nutrition, Buenos Aires, Argentina (15-20 October 2017): interventions of various HLPE experts.
- Third National Research Meeting on Food and Nutrition Sovereignty and Security, Curitiba, Brazil (8-10 November): participation of Ms. Elisabetta Recine, President of the Brazilian National Council on Food and Nutritional Security (CONSEA), HLPE Steering Committee member and HLPE PT member for the report #12 on Nutrition and Food Systems.
- Conference of the International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences, Madrid, Spain (14-15 November 2017): Interventions of Ms. Marion Guillou, president of Agreenium and former HLPE Steering Committee member, and of Ms. Louise Fresco, President of Wageningen University and HLPE Steering Committee member.
- Global Landscapes Forum, Bonn, Germany (19-20 December 2017): intervention of Mr. Terence Sunderland, HLPE PT Leader for the report #11 on Forestry.

- Third Conference on Global Food Security, organized by Elsevier, Cape Town, South Africa (3-6 December): participation of various HLPE experts, presentation in Plenary session of HLPE contribution to High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2017 and of the HLPE Critical and Emerging Issues Note by the HLPE Steering Committee Chair.
- Forum for the Transformation of Food Systems and the Reduction of Overweight and Obesity in Latin America and the Caribbean San José, Costa Rica June 27 - 28 June, 2018: participation of Elisabetta Recine, President of the Brazilian National Council on Food and Nutritional Security (CONSEA), HLPE Steering Committee member and HLPE PT member for the report #12 on Nutrition.

As per the CFS request in its response to the evaluation (CFS/BurAg/2018/01/31/03), a communication kit (an A5 flyer and an A5 executive summary of around 30 pages) has been prepared by the HLPE Secretariat for the latest two reports (#12 on Nutrition and Food Systems and #13 on MSPs). This communication kit was discussed and validated by the HLPE Steering Committee during its last meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroun (2-5 May 2018).

The MSP communication kit was distributed after the launch of the report. Depending on the available resources, the HLPE Secretariat, in collaboration with the CFS Secretariat, can print and send on request hard copies of the HLPE reports, flyers, and executive summaries to strengthen outreach and communication around CFS and HLPE work.

III. TRACKING CFS DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

II. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)	
<p>The Committee [...] decided to send inputs to the 2019 review of the HLPF held under the theme “Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality”, and requested that the Committee presents a contribution for consideration in CFS 45, in line with the decision in CFS 43, to be developed through an inclusive process in accordance with provisions foreseen in the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2018-2019.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 13.e</p>	<p>The CFS Contribution to the HLPF 2019 was developed through an inclusive process and will be presented at CFS 45 as an adequate basis for further development and updating with the outcomes of CFS 45 discussions, as well as the latest international data and reports on food security and nutrition, such as - but not limited to - the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report. The contribution will be finalized by the Bureau after consultation with the Advisory Group.</p>

III. CFS AND NUTRITION	
<p>The Committee [...] mandated the OEWG on nutrition, in the context of the UN Decade for Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), to develop as per MYPOW 2018-19, using voluntary resources and re-prioritizing existing ones, terms of reference for the policy convergence process leading to voluntary guidelines for food systems and nutrition for submission to Plenary in CFS 45; these would be informed by the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems, and benefit from the outcomes of the CFS 2016-17 intersessional activities and of the nutrition-related discussions in CFS 44.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 19.c</p>	<p>The CFS OEWG on Nutrition has developed TORs for the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. The TORs will be presented for endorsement at CFS 45. The preparation of the TORs was informed, among other things, by the outcomes and results of the CFS work carried out in the 2016-2017 period, including the intersessional events, and in particular by the main findings of the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems.</p>
<p>The Committee [...] recommended that subsequent policy convergence in CFS on nutrition is supported by the scientific evidence provided in the report.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 15.b</p>	<p>The TORs prepared by the CFS OEWG on Nutrition build upon the evidence and use the conceptual framework and the policy entry points provided in the HLPE report.</p>
<p>The Committee [...] recommended that the findings of document CFS 2017/44/Inf 17 on persisting policy gaps and successes inform upcoming CFS policy convergence work on nutrition.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 16.e</p>	<p>The findings of the document CFS 2017/44/Inf 17 informed the preparation of the TORs for the upcoming CFS policy convergence work on food systems and nutrition.</p>
IV. POLICY CONVERGENCE	
IV.A – SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION	
<p>The Committee [...] recommended that in the future, more time is allowed for the CFS policy convergence process following the launch of the HLPE reports.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 21.c</p>	<p>This recommendations will be considered when preparing future MYPOWs of the Committee.</p>
<p>The Committee [...] encouraged the CFS Bureau to consider convening a specific meeting, inviting the Rome-based Agencies, to discuss the issues that were not sufficiently discussed during the policy convergence process, including the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition, and requested the CFS Secretariat to map the recommendations with relevant SDGs and targets, subject to available resources and the workload of CFS.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 21.d</p>	<p>The Bureau decided to postpone the decision on whether and when to hold this meeting to its first meeting after CFS 45. It also noted that the organization of the event should not have an impact on the resources and workload of the Committee as it was simply intended to provide a space for further discussion.</p>

<p>The Committee [...] encouraged these policy recommendations to be forwarded to relevant policy bodies including the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), the Committee on Forestry (COFO), the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF), the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 21.e</p>	<p>The CFS policy recommendations on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition were forwarded by the CFS Chair to COAG, COFO, HLPF, UNFF and CBD. Graphic layout versions for both print and web were developed and made available.</p>
<p>IV.C – URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION</p>	
<p>The Committee [...] agreed that CFS should continue its work in 2018 to carry out further exploratory work through two intersessional events in order to determine at CFS 45 the feasibility of working towards policy convergence to support governments and other stakeholders at the national and local level in addressing food security and nutrition within the context of changing rural-urban dynamics as elaborated in paras 19-27 of the 2018-2019 CFS MultiYear Programme of Work (MYPoW). Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 28.e</p>	<p>The two intersessional events scheduled to take place in 2018 were not held due to lack of extra-budgetary resources. [possible update pending outcomes of the Bureau meeting on 25 July]</p>
<p>V. CFS WORKSTREAMS AND ACTIVITY UPDATES</p>	
<p>V.A – CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) FOR 2018-2019</p>	
<p>The Committee [...] stressed the importance of a feasible MYPoW in terms of time, human and financial resources, and of limiting the number of parallel workstreams, recognizing that the elements and the guiding principles for future work on the preparation of the CFS programme of work, including its duration, strategic content, and links to budgeting, will depend on the outcomes of the discussions concerning the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation that will be presented at CFS 45 in 2018. Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 30.e</p>	<p>In response to the CFS Evaluation, a new guidance note presenting the different steps of a structured, inclusive and efficient process for the prioritization and selection of future CFS activities has been developed for endorsement at CFS 45.</p>
<p>V.B – GLOBAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (GSF) – PERIODIC UPDATE</p>	
<p>The Committee [...] agreed that future annual updates of the GSF will be carried out by the CFS Secretariat after each plenary session and invited the MYPoW OEWG to consider whether a new periodic update is needed after four years. Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 32.d</p>	<p>Annual updates will be carried out by the CFS Secretariat after each plenary session while the possibility to carry out a periodic update will be considered in the context of the preparation of future CFS programmes of work.</p>

V.C – MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CFS	
<p>The Committee [...] agreed to hold the next three Global Thematic Events during CFS 45, CFS 47 and CFS 49, respectively to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security in 2018, the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis in 2020, and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems in 2022.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 34.c</p>	<p>A Global Thematic Event to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security will be held during CFS 45.</p>
<p>The Committee [...] requested the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group, and the OEWG on monitoring in a one-off meeting, to oversee the preparation of the Global Thematic Event in plenary in 2018 and of events organized for monitoring the other CFS policy recommendations during the plenary week or the intersessional periods, subject to resource availability.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 34.d</p>	<p>The OEWG on Monitoring was consulted on the preparation of the Global Thematic Event in 2018 during a one-off meeting on 15 June 2018. <i>[text on events organized for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations pending outcomes of Bureau meeting on 25 July]</i></p>
<p>The Committee [...] recognized that the need for and role of the OEWG on monitoring may be reconsidered in light of the decisions of the Committee related to the follow-up to the independent evaluation of CFS.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 34.f</p>	<p><i>[text on future of monitoring including need for and role of OEWG pending outcomes of the Bureau meeting on 25 July]</i></p>
VI. RESPONSE TO THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF CFS	
<p>The Committee [...] requested the Bureau, after consultation with the Advisory Group, seeking additional input as needed, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize the Plan of Action for consideration and endorsement at CFS 45, as outlined in Annex 1 of document CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1, by preparing the response to all recommendations that have not been presented to CFS 44; <input type="checkbox"/> Implement the response to the recommendations that do not require plenary endorsement, as listed in Annex 2 of document CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1, and report to CFS 45; <input type="checkbox"/> Implement the response to Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9, based on the indications in document CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1, and report to CFS 45. <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 36.c</p>	<p>The Bureau finalized the Plan of Action with the response to all recommendations of the CFS Independent Evaluation and implemented the response to the recommendations that did not require Plenary endorsement. <i>The implementation of the response to Recommendations 3 [4, 8 and 9] is planned to be finalized during 2018-19 intersessional period.</i></p>

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<p>The Committee [...] requested the Bureau to implement the response to Recommendation 8, seeking additional input as needed, considering the indications in document CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1, and report to CFS 45.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 36.d</p>	<p>The Terms of reference of the Chairperson were developed and the Terms of Reference of the CFS Secretary were revised.</p>
<p>The Committee [...] decided exceptionally, without setting a precedent, that the Bureau may appoint its Advisory Group until March 2018 and thereafter consider if changes are needed in the composition of the Advisory Group for the remainder of the Bureau’s term, taking into account the implementation of the response to Recommendation 4 and the need for any plenary decisions.</p> <p>Source: CFS 44 Final Report, para 36.e</p>	<p>A proposal on the composition and processes of the Advisory Group was developed and presented to CFS 45 for endorsement [if changes to the Rules of Procedure required]</p>

IV. BUDGET AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Budget

	Actual expenditures 2017 (USD)	Planned Costs 2018 (USD)
SECRETARIAT, PLENARY AND THEMATIC WORKSTREAMS		
Secretariat and Plenary		
Core staff and technical support to workstreams ¹	1,438,748	1,450,000
Interpretation for CFS Plenary Session ²	200,805	160,000
Translation and documents production ³	247,887	200,000
Travel of panellists and CFS Secretariat ⁴	72,265	40,000
Support to CFS Chair and Outreach ⁵	121,570	115,000
Support to CFS communication, outreach and Plenary ⁶	95,999	80,000
General Operating Expenses and meeting logistics ⁷	78,526	100,000
Secretariat and Plenary sub-total	2,255,800	2,145,000
Thematic workstreams		
Nutrition ⁸	100,146	80,000
Sustainable Development Goals ⁹	97,196	90,000
Women's Empowerment ⁹	149,213	0
Rural transformation ⁹	202,483	100,000
Sharing experiences and good practices ⁹	0	120,000
CFS Outreach ¹⁰	123,267	0
HLPE follow-up: policy convergence process (Interpretation for 5-day session, 6 hrs/da, translation)	11,400	100,000
CFS Evaluation (All the costs associated included in the CFS core budget)	197,042	0
CFS Thematic workstreams sub-total	880,748	490,000
Secretariat, Plenary and Workstreams Total	3,036,548	2,635,000

For more information on the figures concerning the CFS Plenary and Workstreams, please contact CFS@fao.org

Footnotes:

¹ CFS Secretary, 2 Senior Food Security Officers, Senior Communications Officer, 2 workstream/programme officers, 1 programme officer/support to CFS Chair, Associate professional Officer (APO), 2 administrative staff, and several short-term consultants to support specific activities

² Based on 5-day plenary

³ Based on average cost of past plenaries (avg 95,000 words/year) + translation of misc. correspondence

⁴ Fares and DSA for 10 panellists to Plenary and Secretariat travel

⁵ Assistant to CFS Chair and travel of the Chair 15 trips 2018 (FAO Regional Conferences)
⁶ Coverage at plenary (photos, reporting), website maintenance, publicity materials and additional staff time for upkeep/ maintenance of CFS websites, social media and other
⁷ Cleaning services, overtime, catering, IT support, messengers, graphic designer, temporary office helper, temporary staff for Plenary and core workstreams
⁸ Additional staff time, interpretation/ translation and 3-consultations
⁹ Additional staff time, travels of panellists, translation of documents
¹⁰ 2017: Two outreach events were held in Addis Ababa and Abidjan in September 2017 to promote the dissemination of the CFS policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets, funded through the contribution provided by the multilateral Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADE) + communication consultant

HIGH LEVEL PANEL OF EXPERTS (HLPE)		
Electronic consultations	4,895	20,000
Project Teams support	112,838	90,000
Report printing	9,369	20,000
Report translation	119,438	206,000
Report launch and outreach	23,990	30,000
Steering Committee meetings	103,086	150,000
CFS plenary/bureau meetings	1,023	5,000
Database / HLPE website (FAO services)	0	5,000
Other sec. operating expenses	714	10,000
HLPE GS Secretariat Staff	65,532	65,000
Technical Staff programme support	58,744	80,000
Science communication officer	0	0
Senior Technical Advisor	9,241	0
HLPE Coordinator (provided in kind by France until November 2018)	in kind	in kind
Improved Cost Recovery Uplift (ICRU)	23,346	10,000
Project Servicing Costs	63,699	88,530
HLPE Total	595,915	779,530

For more information on HLPE budget, please contact CFS-HLPE@fao.org

CIVIL SOCIETY MECHANISM (CSM)		
Participation in CFS Advisory Group meetings	109,822	94,758
CSM policy working groups and participation in CFS intersessional activities	257,837	140,020
Support monitoring and implementation of CFS outcomes		193,647
Annual CSM Coordination Committee, Forum and participation in Plenary	163,825	173,920
Secretariat	164,558	167,302
Accountability, monitoring and other costs	19,437	18,512
Administration fees	34,794	51,230
CSM TOTAL	750,273	839,389

Note that the CSM figures were provided in Euro and converted in USD at the rate 1€=1.157USD. For more information on CSM budget, please contact cso4cfs@gmail.com

PRIVATE SECTOR MECHANISM (PSM)		
Core Secretariat Cost	104,000	175,000
Policy Development	106,500	75,300
Events and Outreach	51,800	34,760
Administrative	985	Shifted to core
PSM Total	263,285	285,060

For more information on the PSM budget, please contact robyne@emergingag.com

Resource Mobilization

The overall expenditures for CFS activities in 2017 was USD 4.6 million. The overall funding requirements for the three components of the CFS budget in 2018 amount to an estimated USD 4.5 million, including:

- USD 2.6 million for CFS Secretariat, Plenary and thematic workstreams
- USD 0.8 million for HLPE
- USD 0.8 million for CSM

Regarding CFS core staff of the Secretariat, Plenary and thematic workstreams, USD 0.6 million will need to be secured through extra-budgetary resources in 2018, in addition to the contributions of the Rome-based Agencies of USD 2.025 million. Contributions have been confirmed so far by the European Union, Singapore and Switzerland.

For HLPE, contributions have been announced by the European Union, France and Switzerland.

For CSM, contributions have been announced by the European Union, IFAD, Germany, Switzerland, France and NGOs (Oxfam Solidarité, Fian, SID, etc.).

Technical Task Teams

Four technical task teams have supported the CFS Secretariat across the CFS workstreams.

- **CFS and Nutrition:** FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNSCN, WHO, CGIAR, UNICEF, CSM, PSM.
- **CFS and the Sustainable Development Goals:** FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNSCN, CSM, PSM
- **Monitoring CFS effectiveness:** FAO, WFP, IFAD, CSM, PSM, Special Rapporteur on Right to Food
- **Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition:** UN Habitat, FAO, IFAD, WFP, World Bank, CSM, PSM