

Possible contributions of the UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food to the CFS Evaluation meeting on February 5, 2018:

1. I would like to reiterate the full commitment of my mandate to continue and strengthen the engagement with the CFS Advisory Group, with a particular view on supporting the preparations of the Global Thematic Event to monitor the use and application of the Right to Food Guidelines during **CFS 45 in October 2018**.
2. Regarding the processes of the **CFS Advisory Group**:
 - a. Considering the logistical difficulties of participation into these meetings from outside of Rome, **it should be a priority to facilitate through appropriate technologies**, while paying attention time differences. It is understandable that there is a budget and technical constraints on that, but at the same time, continuous working relationship is vital for all members of the AG, who are geographically distant, financially constrained, as well as lack of institutional capacity.
 - b. It is essential that the CFS Advisory Group and the CFS Bureau takes up from time to time an agenda item that is directly related to the current discussions on advancing the right to adequate food, I am always available to provide an input, if there is a request on that.
3. I would like to propose that the **CFS should seek**, after the successful Forum on Women's empowerment last September, **a closer collaboration with the UN bodies working on Women's empowerment**, women's rights and gender equality would be very effective next step. This could be done through different means, being one of them through inviting UN Women and CEDAW to certain discussions in the CFS Advisory Group when their expertise is needed to promote women's rights, women's empowerment and gender equality in the context of food security and nutrition. Such cooperation already is taking place that I received an invitation from the UN Women to be a speaker in opening section in March 2018. Similar cooperation would be established ad hoc basis with other UN institutions to raise the visibility of the CFS and promoting the right to adequate food in relevant platforms.