

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting
Date: 03 and 07 June 2019
Oval Room, IFAD & German Room, FAO

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau's Decisions

Agenda

1. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023
2. CFS 46 Session Overview
3. Any other business

An item was added to the agenda of the joint meeting for a follow up discussion on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition. The CFS Chair also proposed, and participants agreed, that Alternate Members be allowed to speak.

1. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023 – with Bureau decision

The CFS Chair informed Bureau and Advisory Group members of the ongoing efforts by FAO, IFAD and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to strengthen the proposals on “Reducing inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” and “Data collection and analysis” included in the Zero Draft MYPoW document.

FAO and IFAD briefly introduced the revised ‘Reducing inequalities’ proposal, which will focus on unequal access to assets in the rural sector considering its high correlation with food security and nutrition outcomes.

Participants were informed that proponents were revising the proposal on ‘Data collection and analysis’. The revised proposal will focus on how to enhance the capacity of countries to collect and analyze data for food security and nutrition.

The CFS Chair informed participants that the revised proposals will be the subject of further consultations among CFS stakeholders, including a possible additional meeting in a format to be decided by the Bureau on 7 June.

With regard to the supporting activities, support was expressed for organizing an event to monitor the use of the policy recommendations on water and climate change. It was also suggested to include a budget for uptake activities for all workstreams.

Bureau and Advisory Group Members provided comments to the other sections of the First Draft MYPoW document and the Secretariat invited additional written comments, to be sent by June 6, 2019, i.e. in time for the Bureau meeting.

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The Bureau expressed general appreciation for the First Draft MYPoW 2020-2023, including the overview table presenting the timeline of all activities.

For the 'Agroecology and other innovations' workstream, the Bureau agreed that the policy convergence process will start with the discussion at CFS46 plenary, while the Rapporteur will officially start substantive work after CFS 46. The Chair announced that the appointment of the Rapporteur will be on the agenda for the July Bureau meeting.

The Secretariat took note of the specific comments made regarding the thematic workstream on youth.

The following process for the finalization of the draft MYPoW was agreed by the Bureau:

- By 10 June – The Secretariat circulates an updated version of the First Draft, which includes the revised proposals on 'Reducing inequalities' and 'Data collection and analysis'.
- By 5 July – CFS stakeholders provide written comments with a focus on the revised proposals. Additional feedback aimed at improving the quality and focus of the other workstreams was also encouraged. All comments will be posted on the CFS working space.
- By 12 July – the Secretariat circulates a Second Draft MYPoW.
- 22 July - the morning session of the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting will be open-ended, i.e. all member States and stakeholders will be allowed to speak, and focused specifically on updated proposals that did not benefit from an inclusive discussion during the first and second MYPoW open meetings. The afternoon session of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting will be carried out in the usual format.
- 25 July – Bureau meeting takes final decision on the 2020-2023 MYPoW document, to be submitted to the CFS46 Plenary. The Bureau took note that, given the difficulties of convening a meeting in August and the six-week period for document completion preceding the Plenary, a decision must be taken on 25 July.

2. CFS 46 Session Overview – with Bureau decision

At the joint meeting, the CFS Chair introduced the item explaining that the 'CFS 46 Overview' document will be further developed to become the 'Guide to CFS 46', replacing what used to be the Annotated Agenda. A further version of this document will be presented at the joint meeting in July. The document was welcomed by the meeting and the commemoration of the International Day of Rural Woman, as done in CFS 45, was appreciated.

It was requested to provide an update on the regional consultations that will have taken place before CFS 46 under the Food Systems and Nutrition item. The Chair of the OEWG on Nutrition and Food Systems, informed that only four of the six regional consultations will have taken place before CFS46, therefore it will not be possible to present a complete update on the regional consultations. It was noted that the participation from the Pacific Region could be complicated because of the long travel distances required. It was asked whether an alternative solution could be found.

Regarding the Multistakeholder Partnerships (MSP) plenary session, it was clarified that the session will provide an opportunity to discuss key topics and that long presentations were not foreseen. The importance of clarifying as soon as possible the format of the session was underlined. Expectations were that the plenary session would aim at raising awareness on when and why MSPs are appropriate mechanisms to realize FSN objectives and progress in the implementation of the right to food, how to ensure a MSP serves public interests, and arrangements to ensure accountability and avoid power asymmetries.

Regarding the Special Event at CFS 46 on Friday 18 October, it will be an opportunity for the youth constituencies of CSM, PSM and other stakeholders, as well as Member States, to play an important leadership role in the session. Responding to a question on session summaries for the Final Report, the Secretary noted that time will be allocated at the end of each session (where relevant) for the Chair to read out the summary that will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee after plenary approval.

UNSCN asked if it would be possible to cross-reference the other UN decades – such as the Decade of Action on Nutrition – in the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDF) agenda item.

Bureau meeting

The Bureau agreed to cross-reference the other relevant UN Decades, such as the Decade of Action on Nutrition, the Decade on Water, and the Decade on Biodiversity, among others, in the session item on the UNDF, while keeping the main focus on the UNDF. Bureau Members were informed that - should the CFS decide to invite her - the current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Michelle Bachelet, is willing to make an intervention at the next plenary.

The Secretariat will explore her availability, and the session she might participate in.

3. Any other business

With regard to the intersessional event on 'Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition', at the joint meeting CSM asked that the main focus remain on the relation between commercial tree plantations and FSN, and offered to collaborate in preparing the meeting.

Annex 1: List of attendees of the joint Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland); Ms Kelli Ketover, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA). Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa (Ethiopia) presented excuses.

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany).

Advisory Group:

Mr Máximo Torero, Mr Mark McGuire (FAO); Mr Shantanu Mathur (IFAD); Ms Stephanie Hochstetter, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Ms Hilal Elver, Ms Serena Pepino (UN Special Rapporteur Right to Food); Ms Stineke Oenema (UNSCN); Mr Alberto Zezza (World Bank); Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Ms Editrudith Lukanga, Ms Nettie Wiebe, Ms Margoritz Petronz Gomez, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Nora McKean, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Teresa Maisano, (CSM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (BMGF); Ms Luisa Volpe, Ms Giulia de Castro (WFO).

Observers:

Ms Patricia Rodríguez, Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Ms Diana Infante (Dominican Republic); Ms Maaïke van den Berg (Netherlands); Ms Sanna Luomanperä (Finland).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Chris Hegadorn (Secretary), Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Cordelia Salter, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Tatiana Moruz.

Annex 2: List of attendees of the Bureau Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa (Ethiopia); Mr Gustaf Daud Sirait (Indonesia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Ms Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland); Ms Emily Katkar, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

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Observers:

Ms Diana Infante (Dominican Republic); Ms Gemma Cornuau (France).

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