

DRAFT WORKPLANS OF CFS WORKSTREAMS

This document presents the draft workplans of the workstreams taking place during the current intersessional period that reflect the decisions and the indications provided by the CFS Plenary.

1 - FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION (2019-2020)

EXTRACT FROM THE CFS 45 FINAL REPORT

21. The Committee considered documents CFS 2018/45/06 “Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition” and CFS 2018/45/05 “CFS workstream on Food Systems and Nutrition – Draft Decision”, as presented by Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Nutrition.

The Committee:

- a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Nutrition and acknowledged the effective leadership of its previous Chair, Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt) and the current Chair;
- b) Endorsed the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, in support to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025;
- c) Recognized the importance of an inclusive process leading to the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines, open to all interested stakeholders, which will be facilitated by the CFS Secretariat, under the guidance of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group on Nutrition, and with the assistance of a Technical Task Team;
- d) Emphasized the crucial importance of the planned consultation phases for the ownership and success of the process, and invited all relevant CFS stakeholders to actively participate in the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines;
- e) Recognizing that sufficient funds are not currently available, invited CFS Members and stakeholders to provide adequate financial resources to enable the implementation of the policy convergence process ensuring that all the planned activities are carried out within available resources;
- f) Requested that the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition be submitted for endorsement by CFS at its 47th Session in 2020.

I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Produce “a reference document that provides guidance mainly to governments, as well as to their partners and other stakeholders, on appropriate policies, investments and institutional arrangements needed to address the key causes of malnutrition in all its forms for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2” – from paragraph 7 of the TORs for the Preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

“Present a set of guidelines that contribute to improving food systems and make them more sustainable to ensure that the diets needed for optimal nutrition are available, affordable,

acceptable, safe and of adequate quantity and quality which conform with the beliefs, culture and tradition of individuals” – from paragraph 8 of the TORs for the Preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-2020

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
PHASE 1 – PREPARATION OF THE ZERO DRAFT: OCTOBER 2018-APRIL 2019	
<u>Open Consultation on Food Systems</u>	30 January 2019 (9.30-12.30, Green Room)
Outcomes of the preliminary work on the Zero Draft to be circulated among OEWG members	Mid-February 2019
<u>Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG meeting</u> to discuss the outcomes of the preliminary work on the Zero Draft	8 March 2019 (14.00-17.00, Green Room)
<u>Written inputs, comments and suggestions</u> from the OEWG members to feed the preparation of the Zero Draft	By mid-March 2019
Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines is finalized and sent to OEWG members	English version by the end of April 2019 (language versions by the end of May)
PHASE 2 – DISCUSSION OF THE ZERO DRAFT: MAY-OCTOBER 2019	
<u>Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG meeting</u> to discuss the Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines	21 June 2019 (Red Room)
<u>E-consultation</u> to get inputs, comments and suggestions the Zero Draft	June-August 2019
<u>Regional multistakeholder consultations</u> to discuss the Zero Draft and regional and national priorities and needs	July 2019-October 2019
PHASE 3 – PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ONE: NOVEMBER 2019-FEBRUARY 2020	
<u>Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG meeting</u> to discuss the outcomes of the regional consultations and the E-consultation	November 2019
<u>Finalization of the Draft One</u> based on the inputs of the regional consultations and the E-Consultation	December 2019 (language versions will be available by January 2020)
<u>Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG meeting</u> to discuss the Draft One of the Voluntary Guidelines	February 2020
<u>Written comments, inputs and suggestions</u> from OEWG members to feed preparation of the final version of the Voluntary Guidelines	February 2020
STEP 4 - PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATION OF THE FINAL VERSION: MARCH 2020-MAY 2020	
<u>The Final Version of the Voluntary Guidelines</u> is circulated for the negotiation	March 2020 (language versions will be made available by end of May)
<u>Full week negotiation</u> of Final Version of the Voluntary Guidelines	May 2020
STEP 5 – ENDORSEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES: OCTOBER 2020	
<u>The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition</u> are endorsed by the Plenary	October 2020

IV. TECHNICAL TASK TEAM

A Technical Task Team, made up of representatives from FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNSCN, WHO, UNICEF, CGIAR, CSM and PSM, will support the CFS Secretariat in the preparation of the different drafts of the Voluntary Guidelines.

2 - PREPARATION OF THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – MYPoW – (2019)

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19. The Committee:

- a) Took note of the views expressed and the potential issues suggested during the session on critical and emerging issues for future consideration by the CFS as an important element for upcoming discussions on the preparation of the next CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW);
- b) In line with indications included in Annex B of the Implementation Report of the CFS Evaluation, recommended that the CFS Bureau, in collaboration with the Advisory Group, and with the support and participation of interested CFS stakeholders, work on the preparation of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 to be submitted for consideration and endorsement at CFS 46;
- c) Requested the HLPE to undertake the following study to be presented by the first semester of 2020: “Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030”, as per the proposal included in section three of document CFS 2018/45/4.

I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Implement a structured, inclusive and efficient process for the prioritization and selection of future CFS thematic workstreams and supportive activities, based on the indications provided in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A feasible and realistic MYPoW is prepared, taking into account resources, workload, and the resource mobilization potential, and presented to the CFS Plenary in 2019 for consideration and endorsement.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
PHASE 1 – PREPARATION OF THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS	
<u>Chair’s summary and verbatim</u> of the CFS 45 Session on Critical and Emerging Issues is circulated along with the template for preliminary proposals	Early November 2018
<u>Preliminary proposals</u> to be submitted by CFS stakeholders	18 December 2018
<u>First open meeting</u> for the presentation of the preliminary proposals	25 January 2019 (all day, Green Room)
PHASE 2 – PRIORITIZATION	
<u>Written inputs</u> to be provided by CFS stakeholders on the preliminary proposals that were submitted	By mid-February

<u>Bureau and Advisory Group meeting</u> to discuss prioritization of existing proposals	4 March 2019 (all day, German Room)
<u>Bureau meeting</u> to finalize list of prioritized thematic workstreams, based on the preliminary proposals	6 March 2019 (all day, German Room)
<u>Second open meeting</u> to present the list of prioritized thematic workstreams agreed by the Bureau and get inputs from CFS stakeholders	23 April 2019 (all day, German Room)
PHASE 3 – SELECTION	
<u>Bureau and Advisory Group meeting</u> to discuss the results of the second open meeting	14 May 2019 (all day, Ethiopia Room)
<u>Bureau meeting</u> to finalize a draft proposal on thematic workstreams and supportive activities to be included in the CFS MYPoW	17 May 2019 (all day, Ethiopia Room)
<u>Written inputs</u> to be provided by CFS stakeholders on the draft proposal finalized by the Bureau	By 24 May 2019
<u>Bureau and Advisory Group meeting</u> to discuss the draft CFS MYPoW	4 June 2019 (all day, German Room)
<u>Bureau meeting</u> on to take a decision on the CFS MYPoW	7 June 2019 (all day, German Room)
STEP 4 – ENDORSEMENT	
<u>The CFS MYPoW for 2020-2023 is endorsed by the Plenary</u>	October 2019

IV. TECHNICAL TASK TEAM

No Technical Task Team is foreseen for this workstream.

3 – CFS AND AGENDA 2030

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23. The Committee:

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d) Considered document CFS/2018/45/7 "CFS draft contribution to the 2019 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development global review" as an adequate basis for the CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF review on "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". The Committee noted in particular that it should be updated with the outcomes of CFS 45 discussions, as well as the latest international statistics and trends on food security and nutrition, based on global reports such as - but not limited to - the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI), and finalized by the Bureau following one or more open meetings;

e) Decided, based on the UNGA guidance on follow-up and review arrangements for the next HLPF cycle, to continue sending inputs to future reviews of the HLPF beyond 2019;

f) Requested that a draft contribution for 2020 be submitted to CFS 46, following an inclusive, facilitated process involving a maximum of two open ended meetings and taking advantage of electronic consultations;

g) Encouraged all CFS stakeholders to increase their coordinated engagement at different levels in the follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by presenting, at the CFS Plenary, the food security aspects of Voluntary National Reviews.

EXTRACT FROM MYPOW 2018-2019

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29. In line with the agreed strategy, the Committee will pursue its commitment to mainstream the SDGs in its workstreams, supported by specific activities:

- Sharing lessons and exchanging on good practices and challenges in advancing food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture in the context of the 2030 Agenda implementation, building for instance on voluntary national reports to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF);
- Contributing to global follow-up and review efforts through interactions with the HLPF and thematic progress review discussions, based on UN monitoring reports.

34. Contributions to the HLPF will be developed by the CFS Secretariat supported by a technical task team, based on substantive guidance on the issues to be prioritized resulting from an open meeting facilitated by a Member. The contributions will be finalized in a further open, facilitated meeting, and conveyed to the CFS Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group after consideration in Plenary.

I. OVERALL OBJECTIVES

In the 2018-19 intersessional period the focus of this workstream will be on mainstreaming SDGs in CFS work and activities along the lines described in document “*CFS Engagement in Advancing the 2030 Agenda*” [CFS 2016/43/6](#). In particular, it will:

1 - Update the contribution to the 2019 “High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) meeting held under the theme ‘Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’ and reviewing in depth SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17 based on the outcomes of CFS 45, for finalization by the Bureau after consultation with the Advisory Group.

2- Prepare a draft submission to the 2020 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) pending UNGA guidance on follow-up and review arrangements for the next HLPF cycle.

3 - Preparing a Voluntary National Review session in CFS 46 contributing both to CFS’ role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and country needs.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Contribution to the 2019 HLPF review agreed and conveyed to ECOSOC by the CFS Chair;
- Contribution to the 2020 HLPF review prepared for consideration and finalization in CFS 46;
- Proposal to Bureau and Advisory Group of format and programme for Voluntary National Review session in CFS 46.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
<u>Inclusive Open Meeting</u> to update 2018 contribution based on CFS 45 outcomes	4 March 2019
<u>Bureau</u> endorses CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF review and discusses organization of SDG-related activities in CFS 45 Plenary	6 March 2019
<u>Inclusive Open Meeting</u> to draft 2020 contribution	21 May 2019
<u>High Level Political Forum (HLPF)</u>	9-18 July 2019
<u>Bureau and Advisory Group</u> to finalize 2020 contribution and decision text for consideration by Plenary	22-25 July 2019
<u>CFS 46</u> to consider and finalize CFS’ contribution to the 2020 High Level Political Forum review	14-18 October 2019

IV. TECHNICAL TASK TEAM

A Technical Task Team, comprising individuals designated by Advisory Group representatives, will support the CFS Secretariat with the updates of the 2019 contribution, and with the drafting of the 2020 contribution.

4 - PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES (2019-2020)

EXTRACT FROM CFS 45 FINAL REPORT

25. The Committee considered document CFS 2018/45/9 “Promoting accountability and sharing best practices – with draft decision”, as presented by Ms. Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring.

The Committee:

- a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Monitoring and acknowledged the effective leadership of its Chair;
- b) After consideration of CFS 44 decisions (CFS 2017/44/Report), paragraphs 34b and 34f, and paragraph 10 of Annex C of the document CFS 2018/45/3, requested the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group and if necessary seeking additional inputs, to:
 - Oversee the preparation of Global Thematic Events (GTEs) to be held every two years in plenary;
 - Oversee the preparation of events organized for fostering the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and good practices on the use and application of other CFS policy recommendations at all levels, through the MYPoW process;
 - Oversee the preparation of the event to be held in 2019, subject to available resources, for monitoring CFS policy recommendations on (i) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture; (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets; and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock during CFS 46.

I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The CFS Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group and if necessary seeking additional inputs, will oversee the preparation of:

- An event which will be held at CFS 46 in 2019 for monitoring CFS policy recommendations on (i) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture; (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets; and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock
- A Global Thematic event which will be held at CFS 47 in 2020 for monitoring the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis (FFA)

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Event to monitor other CFS policy recommendations at CFS 46 in 2019

An event will be organized at CFS 46 in 2019 based on inputs received on experiences and best practices related to the use and application of the CFS policy recommendations on (i) Investing in

Smallholder Agriculture; (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets; and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock.

Global Thematic Event on FFA at CFS 47 in 2020

An event will be organized at CFS 47 in 2020 based on inputs received on experiences and best practices related to the use and application of the use and application of FFA.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2018-2019

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
EVENT TO MONITOR OTHER CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AT CFS 46 IN 2019	
Call for inputs to be issued through the FSN Forum	January – April 2019 (3 months)
Submission of summary report and outline to the Bureau & Advisory Group for discussion and decision	Bur/AG meeting on 22 July 2019 Bur meeting on 25 July 2019
Preparation for the panel discussion (e.g. contact moderator and panelists)	July-September 2019
Event at CFS 46 in 2019	October 2019

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON FFA AT CFS 47 IN 2020	
Call for inputs on events held to be issued	February 2019 – January 2020 (12 months)
Call for inputs on individual submissions , to be issued through the FSN Forum	September - December 2019 (4 months)
Submission of summary report and outline to the Bureau & Advisory Group for discussion and decision	May 2020
Preparation for the panel discussion (e.g. contact moderator and panelists)	May – July 2020
Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 in 2020	October 2020

IV. TECHNICAL TASK TEAMS

Event to monitor other CFS policy recommendations at CFS 46 in 2019

A Technical Task Team, made up of technical experts with knowledge and expertise on the issues relevant to the policy recommendations on (i) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture; (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets; and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock, will support the CFS Secretariat in the preparation of the event. The call for nominations will be issued after the Advisory Group is appointed on 8 November 2019.

Global Thematic Event on FFA at CFS 47 in 2020

A Technical Task Team, made up of technical experts with knowledge and expertise on the issues relevant to FFA, will support the CFS Secretariat in the preparation of the Global Thematic Event. The call for nominations will be issued after the Advisory Group is appointed on 8 November 2019.

5 - PROMOTING URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FSN (2018-2019)

EXTRACT FROM CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP MEETING OUTCOMES – WITH BUREAU'S DECISIONS - 23-25 July 2018

[...] Item 7

At the joint meeting, the CFS Chair recalled that this workstream had been put on hold due to lack of extra-budgetary resources. It was then suggested, after consultation with the OEWG Chair and the Technical Task Team, knowing that extra-budgetary resources are becoming available, to carry over the two events and to hold them early in the next intersessional period so as to inform future MYPOW discussions. It was underlined that the topics of the two events were already agreed in CFS44 (FSN impacts of urbanization/rural transformation dynamics on lower income groups; women and youth employment across the rural-urban continuum) and that they remain highly relevant to the work of the Committee and present complementarities with other workstreams such CFS work on Nutrition and food systems. Comments were made on the need for CFS to develop clearer objectives for this process, in terms of what policy outcomes are envisaged, as well as to get a clearer understanding of the areas of comparative advantage/added value for CFS. Finally, it was explained that, as the above activities are already foreseen by the 2018-19 MYPoW, they do not require further endorsement.

Bureau's Decisions:

The Bureau took note of the update regarding forthcoming funds which will enable the two intersessional events foreseen in the current intersessional period to be held after CFS 45. The Chair again noted that the above activities are already foreseen by the 2018-19 MYPoW, that they are simply rolling over to 2019 and, as such, they do not require further endorsement by Bureau nor Plenary.

EXTRACT FROM MYPOW 2018-2019

24. Taking into consideration the interest expressed by CFS stakeholders in continuing to explore both general and specific issues pertaining to the broad topic of urbanization and rural transformation in relation to food security and nutrition, it is proposed that in 2018 two intersessional events be held to integrate additional knowledge and new research findings.
25. The intersessional events will be organized with the support of the Technical Task Team (TTT) set up in 2016 and seeking input from the HLPE Steering Committee. They will be informed by the outcomes of the work carried out by CFS in 2016 through the Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition, and the work of the OEWG in 2017 to compile experiences and effective policy approaches in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics. The intersessional events should focus on issues where CFS has a particular value to add, recognizing there are many institutions working on the topic and new knowledge being generated.

26. The two proposed focus areas for the intersessional events are: i) the food security and nutrition impacts of urbanization and rural transformation on lower income groups (smallholders, landless, net food buyers, informal sector traders, low income urban consumers) and how to address them and their root causes; and ii) Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum, including linking producers to markets.
27. A Chair’s summary will be prepared for each of the two events, followed by an overall Chair’s summary which will be informally shared with CFS stakeholders before its submission to CFS 45 with the purpose of facilitating an informed discussion around the CFS added value and feasibility of a policy convergence exercise.

II. OVERALL OBJECTIVES

28. Along with the objectives set out in para 23 of the 2018-19 CFS MYPoW, this workstream will focus on *“carrying out further exploratory work in order to assess the feasibility of and, if feasible, work 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.”*

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 2 intersessional events
- 2 Chair’s summaries
- 1 overall Chair’s Summary as an input into the MYPoW 2020-2023 process

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2018-19

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
<u>First intersessional event on “The Food security and nutrition impacts of urbanization and rural transformation on lower income groups”</u>	19 November 2018
<u>Second intersessional event on ‘Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum’</u>	29 January 2019

IV. TECHNICAL TASKTEAM

A Technical Task Team, comprising individuals designated by Advisory Group representatives, will support the CFS Secretariat with the design and organization of the two intersessional events.