

WORKPLAN OF CFS WORKSTREAM ON 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
<u>CFS 46</u> to provide an update on status of the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines and discuss the next steps of the process	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	
The <u>Final Version of the Voluntary Guidelines</u> is circulated for the negotiation	March 2020 (language versions will be made available by end of April)
<u>Full week negotiation</u> of Final Version of the Voluntary Guidelines	May 2020
STEP 5 – ENDORSEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES: OCTOBER 2020	
The <u>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.