



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

## Forty-sixth Session

### "Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 14-18 October 2019

**DRAFT REPORT**

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) held its Forty-sixth Session from 14 to 18 October 2019 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. The theme of the Session was "Accelerating Progress on SDG2 to Achieve All the SDGs". The Session was attended by delegates from 114 Members of the Committee; 12 non-Member States of the Committee and by representatives from:

16 United Nations Agencies and Bodies;

172 Civil society organizations<sup>1</sup>;

12 International agricultural research organizations;

7 International and regional financial institutions;

115 Private sector associations<sup>2</sup> and private philanthropic foundations; and

85 Observers.

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<sup>1</sup> Civil Society's participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 141 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM.

<sup>2</sup> This figure includes 94 associations under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM).



2. One First Lady, 12 Ministers, 6 Vice-Ministers and 1 Undersecretaries attended. The full list of Members, Participants and Observers will be available as document CFS 2019/46/Inf.5 (<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs46/en/>).
3. The report contains the following appendices: Appendix A – Agenda of the Session; Appendix B – Membership of the Committee; Appendix C – List of Documents; Appendix D - Declaration of the Russian Federation.
4. The Committee was informed that the European Union (EU) was participating in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article II of the FAO Constitution.
5. The Session was opened by the Chairperson of the Committee, His Excellency Mario Arvelo, Dominican Republic.
6. The Committee adopted the Agenda and Timetable.
7. The Committee appointed a Drafting Committee composed of Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia and South Sudan as well as Ms Sanna-Lisa Taivalmaa of Finland as Chair of the Drafting Committee.

## **II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

8. Opening statements were delivered by Ms Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on behalf of Mr António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General; Ambassador Mario Arvelo, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security; Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Mr Gilbert Hounbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP); and Mr Patrick Caron, Chairperson of the Steering Committee, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE). The statements are available as CFS Information documents at <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cfs/cfs46/en/>
9. The Committee heard a presentation delivered by Mr Máximo Torero Cullen, Assistant Director-General of the Economic and Social Development Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), followed by statements by Members and Participants;
10. The Committee expressed its deepest concern regarding the increase in the number of hungry people in the world.
11. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED**

12. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Carin Smaller, Director for Agriculture, Trade and Investment at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), which included:
  - A keynote speech by Ms Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food;

- A question-and-answer session with Ms Maria Francesca Spatolisano, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs;
  - followed by statements by Members and Participants.
  - A panel discussion with:
    - Mr Rory Jay S. Dacumos - National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) - Philippines
    - Mr Neil Briscoe - Department for International Development (DFID)- United Kingdom
    - Mr Saúl Vicente Vázquez - International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)
    - Mr Sean de Cleene – World Economic Forum
  - followed by statements by Members and Participants.
13. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

#### **IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN**

14. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy), CFS Vice-Chair, which included:
- An introduction on the theme for 2019 “Rural Women and Girls Building Climate Resilience” by Ms Cornelia Richter, Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
  - Two keynote speeches delivered by:
    - Ms Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights
    - Ms Fatoumata Diallo, Vice-President of the National Federation of Rural Women (FENAFER) of Mali.
  - followed by questions and interventions by Members and Participants.
15. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

#### **V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION**

16. For agenda item V.a, the Committee heard a session, which included:
- An update on the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines, presented by the Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition, Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland), based on document CFS 2019/46/2 “Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition”;
  - A presentation by Ms Naoko Yamamoto, WHO Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems;
  - A panel discussion moderated by Mr David Nabarro, Curator of the World Economic Forum’s “Food Systems Dialogues”, and comprised of:
    - Ms Bibi Gyose, Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer and Special Advisor to the CEO, New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD);
    - Ms Emorn Udomkesmalee, Associate Professor, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand;

- Ms Preeti Ahuja, Manager Latin America, Global Practice Agriculture and Food, World Bank;
  - followed by statements by Members and Participants.
17. For agenda item V.b, the Committee heard a session which included:
- A presentation of document CFS 2019/46/3 “Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition” by Ms Anna Lartey, Director of the Food Systems and Nutrition Division of FAO, and Mr Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development of WHO;
  - followed by statements by Members and Participants.
18. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

19. The Committee heard a presentation on document CFS 2019/46/4 “Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Summary of the 2018-19 Intersessional Events” by H.E. Hans Hoogeveen of The Netherlands, followed by statements by Members and Participants;
20. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA**

21. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Ute Klamert, Assistant Executive Director, Partnerships and Governance Department, World Food Programme (WFP), which included:
- A keynote presentation by Mr Willem Olthof, Deputy Head of Unit, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition, DG DEVCO, European Commission.
  - A panel discussion with:
    - Ms Anshu Mohan, Senior Technical Advisor, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, World Health Organization (WHO);
    - Mr Jonas Mugabe, Platform for African-European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD) manager, Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana;
    - Mr Badrul Arefin, Director General, Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU), Ministry of Food, Bangladesh;
    - Mr Kevin Marinacci, Chief Executive Officer, Fabretto Foundation, Nicaragua;
    - Ms Patti Rundall, Policy Director, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN).
  - followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.
22. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES**

23. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah, Director, Advocacy and Country Alignment, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), which included:

- An introduction of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Report on “Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition” by Mr Patrick Caron, Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee;
- A presentation of an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE Report by Mr Fergus Lloyd Sinclair, HLPE Project Team Leader;
- An Intervention by Ms Musonda Mumba, Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit at UN Environment Programme (UNEP), as a discussant of the HLPE Report;
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.

24. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **IX. MARKING THE KICK OFF OF THE UN DECADE OF FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028**

25. The session, moderated by Ms Marcela Villareal, Director of Partnerships Division of FAO, included:

- A keynote speech by Ms Amarilli Villegas Cordero, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and Chairperson of the International Steering Committee of the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDFP);
- A panel discussion with:
  - Mr Sam Herodian, Senior Advisor to the Minister for Agriculture, Indonesia
  - Mr Martin Uriarte, President, World Rural Forum
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants.

26. The full transcript of the session is included in the verbatim record on the CFS website (link).

## **X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023**

27. The Committee considered document CFS 2019/46/7 “CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023”, as presented by the CFS Chair.

28. The Committee:

- a) Reiterated its concern over the immense challenge posed by achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 with 820 million (about one in every nine people in the world) still suffering from hunger today;
- b) In line with the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit, reaffirmed the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind by taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind first;
- c) Endorsed the CFS MYPoW for 2020-2023 which, through its prioritized thematic workstreams - Food systems and nutrition; Agroecological and other innovative approaches; Gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of food security

- and nutrition; Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems; Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition; Data collection and analysis tools - provides a comprehensive framework for accelerating progress towards meeting SDG2 targets by 2030<sup>3</sup>;
- d) Recognized the broad, inclusive nature and strategic vision of the new streamlined MYPoW process resulting from the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation, as outlined in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report (CFS 2018/45/3);
  - e) Noted that the implementation of the MYPoW will be contingent on sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, in accordance with document CFS 2018/45/3;
  - f) In line with the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report, requested:
    - i) the Bureau to approve a robust resource mobilization strategy to help support the Plenary and Workstreams, the HLPE and the CSM to support CFS priorities as identified in the MYPoW, with clear safeguards, in line with FAO guidelines, to prevent potential conflict of interest regarding funding;
    - ii) the Secretariat to continue its efforts towards expanding and diversifying the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector and financial institutions.

## **XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SMALLHOLDERS**

29. The Committee heard a session, moderated by Ms Hlamalani Ngwenya, International Development Consultant and Lecturer at the University of Free State, South Africa, which included:

- A keynote presentation by Mr Jan Van der Ploeg, Professor Emeritus of Rural Sociology, Wageningen University.
- A Panel discussion with:
  - Mr Gilberto Correia Carvalho Silva, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Cape Verde, and President of the Council of Food and Nutrition Security of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CONSAN-CPLP);
  - Mr Mamadou Goita, Executive Director, Institute for Research and the Promotion of Alternatives in Development (IRPAD/Afrique), Mali;
  - Ms Andrea Soraya Martinez Galarza, Secretariat of Family Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ecuador;
  - Ms Editrudith Lukanga, Co-President, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF).
- followed by interventions by Members and Participants from the floor.

30. The Committee referred to three CFS Policy Recommendations:

- a) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 40 in 2013;
- b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets, endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016;
- c) Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What roles for Livestock? Endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016.

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<sup>3</sup> A declaration by the Russian Federation is contained in Annex D

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## **XII. OTHER MATTERS**

### **A. Amendment to the CFS Rules of Procedure**

32. The Committee considered document CFS 2019/46/8 “Amendment to paragraph 1, Rule IV of the CFS Rules of Procedure”, as presented by the CFS Chair.

33. The Committee decided to amend paragraphs 1, Rule IV, of the CFS Rules of Procedure (RoP), as follows:

34. “The Bureau shall establish an Advisory Group from among representatives of organizations allowed to participate in the proceedings of the Committee under paragraph 11 of the CFS Reform Document and paragraph 3 of Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development take part in the Advisory Group ex-officio. The members of the Advisory group shall be appointed for a term of two years. The number of members of the Advisory Group shall not exceed that of the members of the Bureau including the Chairperson, unless otherwise decided by the Committee”.

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