

CFS Bureau meeting

Date: 28 October 2019,

Time: 14:00-17:00

Venue: Mexico Room, FAO

Bureau Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau Decisions

Agenda

1. Introduction of New CFS Chairperson and Bureau Members
2. Election of a CFS Vice-Chair
3. Appointment of a CFS Advisory Group
4. Any Other Business (AOB)

The CFS Chairperson welcomed the newly elected CFS Bureau members and their alternates, and congratulated everyone for a successful CFS 46 plenary session. CFS Chair proposed including the following items under AOB:

- a) Participation of alternate Bureau members in meetings;
- b) Updates on CFS role in FAO's 2020 Regional Conferences;
- c) Administrative updates from the Secretariat.

1. Introduction of New CFS Chair and Bureau Members

CFS Chair, Bureau, and Alternate Members introduced themselves and shared their expectations, views, and priorities for the intersessional period. In their interventions, Bureau Members and Alternates underlined their views on CFS 46 plenary implementation, the importance of delivering on the 2020-2023 program of work, and pledged to support efforts to strengthen CFS and promote awareness and uptake of its products in all regions with support of the RBAs.

Some highlighted the importance of CFS being part of any 2021 Food System Summit. In addition, requests were made to consider language interpretation for Bureau meetings, as well as to have the Secretariat communicate any action requests through "official" written channels, to generate more attention to those requests and responses by member state delegations. Clarifications were made that France and Spain would serve alternatively as Bureau member and alternate for the ERG region in the first and second years of the biennium.

2. Election of a CFS Vice-Chair

The Bureau elected by acclamation Mr Don Syme, Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand to FAO, as CFS Vice-Chair for the biennium 2019-2021.

3. Appointment of a CFS Advisory Group

The Bureau had a detailed discussion on the appointment of a CFS Advisory Group for the biennium, with many questions raised regarding legal options and process, given the CFS46 decision to provide ex officio status to FAO, WFP, and IFAD. The Bureau established an informal working group, led by the CFS Vice-Chair and composed of one or two Members from each Regional Group, to discuss the issue and prepare proposals to be presented to the Bureau for discussion and decision at its 29 November

meeting. The working group will meet on 11 November; nominations from Regional Groups were requested to be submitted to the Secretariat by 30 October. For the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting scheduled for 26 November, the Bureau decided to invite the following to participate: (i) the three RBAs, who are now ex-officio Members of any Advisory Group; and (ii) the other 11 entities that were part of the most recent Advisory Group, noting in the Secretariat's invitation that their participation for the meeting of November 26 will be on an "ad hoc" basis, and that the Bureau is in the process of considering options for the composition of the Advisory Group for its future meetings.

4. Any Other Business

After consulting the Bureau, it was decided that Alternate Members of the Bureau would continue to be allowed equal speaking roles, seen by Members as a positive step toward fostering inclusivity and participation, and strengthening the role of the Bureau.

CFS Chair informed that the Secretariat and he are working to organize side events during all FAO Regional Conferences to be held in 2020, to raise awareness and increase the visibility of CFS. The Chair encouraged Bureau Members to support these requests for side events within their Regional Groups and with the regional offices of FAO. The schedule of FAO's 2020 Regional Conferences is available in annex 1.

The CFS Secretary informed that the Secretariat will be sending out a survey to get feedback on CFS 46, to enrich the planned discussion at the 26 November meeting of the Bureau and Advisory Group.

The Secretary informed that a second survey call has been issued related to the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS-FFA). This time, the survey will focus on inputs for sharing experiences and good practices in the use and application of the CFS-FFA. This second call (via Survey Monkey) will remain open until 31 March 2020 to inform the CFS 47 plenary stocktaking event.

CFS Secretary informed that documents for future Bureau meetings will be made available through the 'working space' and encouraged Members and Alternates to reach out to the Secretariat in case anyone has trouble accessing the site or documents therein.

Annex 1: Schedule of FAO Regional Conferences 2020

Title	Venue	Dates
35 th Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	Bhutan	17-20 February
35 th Regional Conference for the Near East	Oman	1-5 March
31 st Regional Conference for Africa	Zimbabwe	23-27 March
36 th Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean	Nicaragua	27-30 April
32 nd Regional Conference for Europe	Uzbekistan	5-7 May
6 th Informal Regional Conference for North America	Canada	6-10 April

Annex 2: List of attendees of the Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau members:

Mr Thanawat Tiensin (CFS Chair / Thailand); Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi (Afghanistan); Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Mr Mario Arvelo, Ms Diana Infante, Ms Patricia Rodríguez, Ms Maria Cristina Laureano, Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva (Dominican Republic); Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard, Ms Gemma Cornau (France); Ms Traore Halimatou Kone (Mali); Mr Diye Mohamed Teyib (Mauritania); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Mr Ilya Andreev (Russia); Ms Kelli Ketover, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

CFS Bureau alternates:

Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Ms Hyojoo Kang (Republic of Korea); Mr Rafael Osorio (Spain); Mr Tim Kranzlein (Switzerland).

Observers:

Ms Ratchanok Sangpenchan, Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Ms Federica Veschi (Thailand).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Chris Hegadorn (Secretary), Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Sarah Longford, Mr Seunghyeon Seo.