



CFS HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON STRENGTHENING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

13-15 October, 2020 | 1.00pm - 4.00pm (Rome Time)



OVERVIEW

This CFS *High-Level Special Event* will seek to keep food security and nutrition front and center on the global sustainable development agenda. During its three plenary sessions (one per day), the discussions will:

1. Take stock of the global food security situation guided by the **State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2020 report** and the **CFS High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030**;
2. Reflect on the impacts of COVID-19 on global food security and nutrition and efforts needed to “build back better” using the HLPE issues paper on **Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition: Developing Effective Policy Responses to Address the Hunger and Malnutrition Pandemic**; and
3. Discuss the **draft CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition** and the **draft CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches**, and consider their relevance to the objectives of the UN Food Systems Summit.

Based on CFS’s inclusiveness principle, the three-day Special Event will bring together representatives from Governments, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations, private sector associations, philanthropic foundations, international agricultural research centers, and international and regional financial institutions.

To enrich and complement the plenary discussions and to give our partners and stakeholders an opportunity to highlight their work, CFS will provide space for 12 virtual “Partners Events” over the three days – with 4 events per day. These partners events (two from 11.00am to 12.30pm and two from 4.30pm to 6.00pm), will be hosted/co-hosted and organized by selected CFS stakeholders. Each virtual side event will be allocated one and a half hours.



LOGISTICS AND MEETING PREPARATIONS:

Session Dates and Times:

Tuesday 13 October – Thursday 15 October, from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm (Rome time) daily.

The CFS High-Level Special Event will be hosted on Zoom webinar. Please **register** before **12 October 2020**.

For more information: Please visit the **CFS High-Level Special Event webpage**. Latest news and updates will be posted on this webpage in English only.

For enquiries, please contact the CFS Secretariat at **cfs@fao.org**

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Tuesday 13 October 2020

Day 1

TIME

SESSION DESCRIPTION

11:00am - 12:30am

PARTNERS EVENT 1

Google Maps for Food Systems: A New Dashboard and Set of Actions to Inform Better Food and Nutrition Policy.

Organizers:

- Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
- John Hopkins University (JHU)
- FAO
- WFP
- The Rockefeller Foundation
- Nigeria
- Indonesia

PARTNERS EVENT 2

Building Forward Better with Aquatic Foods

Organizers:

- WorldFish/CGIAR
- Government of Solomon Islands
- Government of India
- Africa Catalyzing Action for Nutrition (AfriCAN)
- Agricultural Learning and Impacts Network (ALiNe)
- FAO

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PLENARY 1

Overview of the Global Food Security and Nutrition Situation

“Exploring implications and recommendations of the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS HLPE Report on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030”

Both the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report on *Building a Global Narrative towards 2030* recognize the need to transform food systems to achieve the SDGs. According to the SOFI report, almost 690 million people were hungry in 2019. An additional 130 million people could become hungry in the near future as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for “bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path.” In summary, “with 10 years to go until 2030, the world is off-track to achieve the SDGs targets for hunger and malnutrition” (SOFI 2020). It is critical for us to better understand how to reverse these trends in order to achieve SDG2.

Objectives:

- a. Review the current global situation of food insecurity and malnutrition;
- b. Discuss assumptions, data, costs, and pathways for accelerating action to achieve sustainable food systems during the 2020-2030 *Decade of Action*; and
- c. Consider how current players in the global food and nutrition governance architecture could most effectively work with CFS to deliver on SDG2.

Moderator: *Musonda Mumba, Chair, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR)*

Part 1: Opening Ceremony (30 mins)

Welcome remarks and event overview by **Thanawat Tiensin**, CFS Chairperson

- CFS keynote opening video
- Framing remarks by Heads of the Rome-based Agencies on their role in global food security and nutrition and their collaborative commitment to CFS
 - » **Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - » **Gilbert Houngbo**, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 - » **David Beasley**, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)

Part 2: Setting the Scene: Evidence and Science (20 mins)

- Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030 by **Jennifer Clapp**, Team Leader CFS HLPE Steering Committee
- State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020 (SOFI 2020) presentation by **Máximo Torero**, Chief Economist, FAO
- Cost of achieving SDG-2 targets by 2030. Presentation of Ceres2030 project by **Carin Smaller**, Director, Agriculture, Trade and Investment International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- Research at the heart of transformation by **Kundhavi Kadiresan**, Managing Director, Global Engagement and Innovation, CGIAR

Part 3: Moderated Open Discussion (30 mins)**Part 4: Country-led Action: Ministerial Roundtable** (50 mins)

- **H.E. Syahrul Yasin Limpo**, Minister for Agriculture, Indonesia
- **H.E. Owusu Afriyie Akoto**, Minister for Food & Agriculture, Ghana
- **The Rt. Hon Zac Goldsmith**, Minister of State, Minister for Pacific and the Environment, UK
- **Aladdin D. Rillo**, Deputy Secretary General, Economic Development, ASEAN
- **Martien van Nieuwkoop**, Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank
- **Nzira Razão Deus**, Youth Constituency Co-Coordinator, CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) representative, World March of Women
- **Yunike Phiri Nhari**, CEO Zambia Young Emerging Farmers Association (ZAYEFA) and youth representative from CSF Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)

Part 5: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (45 mins)**Part 6: Wrap-up and key highlights by moderator. Closing remarks by CFS Chair** (5 mins)

4:30pm - 6:00pm

PARTNERS EVENT 3**Connecting Agroecological and Integrated Policies in Times of Crisis****Organizers:**

- Senegal
- Switzerland
- Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Mexico
- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- IFOAM-Organics International
- Biovision Foundation for Ecological Development

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- International Land Coalition
- IFAD
- Welthungerhilfe
- FAO
- Global Donors Working Group on Land
- Land Portal Foundation
- Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment

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Wednesday 14 October 2020

Day 2

TIME

SESSION DESCRIPTION

11:00am - 12:30pm

PARTNERS EVENT 5

Food Systems Fit for Purpose: Bold Leadership to Prioritize Human, Animal and Ecological Health

Organizers:

- Global Alliance for the Future of Food
- UN Environment/Sustainable Food Systems Programme (10YFP)
- Global South country (TBD)
- Garden for Health International
- Food Foundation
- World Obesity Federation
- WHO
- Healthcare Without Harm

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PARTNERS EVENT 6

Youth Engagement and Employment in Agri-food systems: What Works? What Doesn't Work? What Could Work?

Organizers:

- Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger
- Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)
- Thought For Food (TFF)
- I4Nature
- Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)
- Rabobank
- IFAD

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PLENARY 2

COVID-19 and its Impacts on Global Food Security and Nutrition

"What can stakeholders do to respond, rebuild, and strengthen resilience of food SYSTEMS ahead of future zoonotic crises?"

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the world to tackle an unprecedented health crisis, highlighting the nexus between public health, food security and employment, and labor dimensions. The COVID-19 pandemic is clearly threatening the functioning of key food supply chains, which is a complex interaction involving farmers, agricultural inputs, processing plants, shipping, retailers, consumers and more. This is highlighting the risks, fragilities and inequalities characterizing food systems. This has shown the urgent need to rebuild resilient food systems that integrate sustainability in all three of its dimensions.

Objectives:

- Assess the main food security and nutrition challenges caused by COVID-19;
- Share countries and regional experiences from the government, private sector and civil society perspectives; and
- Identify strategies to respond, rebuild and strengthen the resilience of food systems.

Moderator: *David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD*

Part 1: Opening and Welcome (5 mins)

Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson.

Part 2: Setting the Scene (30 mins)

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General World Health Organization - Keynote address on the COVID-19 crisis, main global food security and nutrition challenges caused by the pandemic and country responses.

Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Martin Cole, Chairperson, HLPE Steering Committee, on existing data and research gaps in the response to COVID-19.

Part 3: Panel Discussion: Coping strategies, lessons learned and building resilience to prevent future pandemics (70 mins)

- **H.E. Luis Eugenio Bastera**, Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Argentina
- **H.E. Narendra Singh Tomar**, Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India
- **H.E. Ángeles Moreno Bau**, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Spain
- **André Luzzi**, CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) representative, Habitat International Coalition
- **Gunhild Stordalen**, Founder and Executive Chair, EAT Forum
- **Jimmy Smith**, Director-General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- **Diane Holdorf**, Managing Director, Food and Nature, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), and CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) representative

Part 4: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (70 mins)

Part 5: Wrap-up, closing remarks by moderator (5 mins)

4:30pm - 6:30pm

PARTNERS EVENT 7

Addressing data gaps in agriculture and global coordination efforts to strengthen food security and nutrition policies in response to Covid-19

Organizers:

- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- The Government of Argentina
- The Government of Bangladesh
- The Government of Uganda
- USAID
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- FAO

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PARTNERS EVENT 8

The important Role of Trade in Promoting Resilience in our Global Food Systems

Organizers:

- Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA)
- Global Farmer Network
- Cargil
- Canadian Canola Grower's Association
- WTO
- OECD

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Thursday 15 October 2020

Day 3

TIME

SESSION DESCRIPTION

11:00am - 12:30am

PARTNERS EVENT 9

Transformative Approaches to Advance Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for Food Security, Improved Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture

Organizers:

- European Union
- Spain
- FAO
- IFAD
- WFP
- International Development Research Organization (IDRC)

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PARTNERS EVENT 10

Scaling-up investments for Climate Smart Agriculture projects in Food Systems

Organizers:

- The Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA)
- The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
- The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- The Kingdom of The Netherlands
- Australia
- The World Bank

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1:00pm – 4:00pm

PLENARY 3

Food Systems Transformation

"The upcoming CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and the CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches, and their relevance to the objectives of the UN Food Systems Summit"

We are all involved, directly or indirectly, in food systems ranging from food production, processing, distribution, preparation and consumption. At the basis of all these aspects is sustainability, in all three of its dimensions (economic, social, and environmental). CFS is producing "Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition" and "Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches" to provide guidance to strengthen policies and actions toward the transformation of food systems. This session will review how these CFS products and others relate to the objectives of the 2021 Food Systems Summit. And, on the International Day of Rural Women, this session acknowledges the critical role of women in transforming food systems.

Objectives:

- a. Raise awareness of the two ongoing CFS policy processes and their role in guiding transformations required for sustainable food systems;
- b. Mobilize the food security and nutrition community for early commitments on "uptake" of these CFS products; &
- c. Examine potential contribution of the CFS policy tools to the preparation of the UN Food Systems Summit.

Moderator: *Corinna Hawkes, Director, Centre for Food Policy, City University of London*

Part 1: Opening and Welcome (5 mins)

- » **Thanawat Tiensin**, CFS Chairperson
- » International Day of Rural Women tribute by **Dali Nolasco Cruz**, Slow Food, Mexico

Part 2: Setting the Scene (10 mins)

Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General - Keynote address on rethinking the governance of food systems to achieve SDG 2.

Part 3: Rapid Fire Interventions: Responses to the keynote address, focusing on strategies to drive food systems transformation at scale. (15 mins)

- » **H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko**, Commissioner, Agriculture and Rural Economy, African Union
- » **H.E. Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Union

Part 4: Panel Discussion: Contribution of the two ongoing CFS policy processes towards sustainable food systems (60 mins).

- **H.E. Julia Klöckner**, Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture, Germany
- **H.E. Mariam Al Mehairi**, Minister for Food and Water Security, United Arab Emirates
- **H.E. Limber Cruz**, Minister for Agriculture, Dominican Republic
- **Carlos Manuel Rodriguez**, CEO, Global Environment Facility
- **Patrick Webb**, Technical Advisor, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (GLOPAN)
- **Robert Saik**, CEO AGvisorPRO, Canada and CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) representative
- **Shalmali Guttal**, Executive Director, Focus on the Global South and CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) representative

Part 5: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (60 mins)

Part 6: CFS and the 2021 Food Systems Summit (20 mins)

- **Henrietta Fore**, Executive Director, UNICEF
- **Michael Fakhri**, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
- **Agnès Kalibata**, UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy

Part 7: Event Closing Ceremony (10 mins)

- Closing video (*Good for All*) by the SDG-2 Advocacy Hub
- Closing remarks and next steps by CFS Chairperson

4:30pm - 6:00pm

PARTNERS EVENT 11

The Potential, Practice, and Politics of Repurposing Public Agriculture Support for Healthy People, Planet and Economy

Organizers:

- Just Rural Transition
- World Bank
- World Resources Institute

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PARTNERS EVENT 12

Covid-19 Impacts: A Transgenerational and Women's Viewpoint on Food Systems Transformation

Organizers:

- CSM - Action Contre la Faim
- CSM - Food Governance working group

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