

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

October 13-15, 2020 (Virtual) 1:00-4:00 p.m. (CET)

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 SOFI 2020 report and the 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”; 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 Times and location: Tuesday 13 October – Thursday 15 October, from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm (Rome time).

The CFS High-Level Special Event will be hosted on Zoom. Additional information including on registration will be shared soon.

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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Annotation of the Run of Show

DAY 1: TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020

TIME	SESSION DESCRIPTION	
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>PARTNER EVENT 1: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 2: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>
1:00pm – 4:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Overview of the Global Food Security and Nutrition Situation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Exploring implications and recommendations of the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS HLPE Report on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030”</i></p> <p>Both the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report on <i>Building a Global Narrative towards 2030</i> 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.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review the current global situation of food insecurity and malnutrition; ● Discuss assumptions, data, costs, and pathways for accelerating action to achieve sustainable food systems during the 2020-2030 <i>Decade of Action</i>; & ● Consider how current players in the global food and nutrition governance architecture could most effectively work with CFS to deliver on SDG2. <p>Moderator (TBC)</p> <p>Part 1: Opening Ceremony (30 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome remarks and event overview by Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson and Moderator (TBC) (3 mins) ● CFS keynote opening video (5 mins) ● Keynote Address focusing on the role of global governance as a public good and the broader concept of global citizenship (7 mins) – Speaker (TBC) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Framing remarks by Heads of the Rome Based UN agencies on their role in global food security and nutrition and their collaborative commitment to CFS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Qu Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (5 mins) b. David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP) (5 mins) c. Gilbert Hounbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (5 mins) <p>Part 2: Setting the Scene: Evidence and Science (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020 (SOFI 2020) presentation by Maximo Torero, FAO Chief Economist (4 mins) ● Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030 by Jennifer Clapp, CFS HLPE Steering Committee Team Leader (4 mins) ● 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) (4 mins) ● Research at the heart of transformation by Claudia Sadoff, CGIAR Executive Management Team (3 min) <p>Part 3: Moderated Open Discussion (45 mins)</p> <p>Part 4: Country-led Action: Ministerial Roundtable (50 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food & Agriculture, Ghana ● The Rt Hon Lord Zac Goldsmith, UK Minister of State, Minister for Pacific and the Environment ● Hon Aung Thu, Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar ● H.E. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General for Community & Corporate Affair, ASEAN (TBC) ● World Bank senior rep (TBC) ● Representative (youth) from CSM as a respondent (TBC) ● Yunike Phiri Nhari, CEO Zambia Young Emerging Farmers Association (ZAYEFA) and youth representative from CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) <p>Part 5: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (35mins)</p> <p>Part 6: Wrap-up and key highlights by moderator. Closing remarks by CFS Chair (5 mins)</p>	
<p>4:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 3: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 4: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2020

TIME	SESSION DESCRIPTION	
11:00am - 12:30pm	PARTNER EVENT 5: (Title TBC) Organizer: Theme: Objectives:	PARTNER EVENT 6: (Title TBC) Organizer: Theme: Objectives:
1:00pm – 4:00pm	PLENARY 2 COVID-19 and its Impacts on Global Food Security and Nutrition <p style="text-align: center;">“What can stakeholders do to respond, rebuild, and strengthen resilience of food SYSTEMS ahead of future zoonotic crises?”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>Moderator: Waiganjo Njoroge, CFS Secretariat</p> <p>Part 1: Opening and Welcome: Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson (2 mins)</p> <p>Part 2: Setting the Scene: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General World Health Organization (TBC) - Keynote address on the COVID-19 crisis, main global food security and nutrition challenges caused by the pandemic and country responses. (10 mins)</p> <p>Martin Cole, HLPE Steering Committee Chairperson on existing data and research gaps in the response to COVID-19 (15 mins)</p>	

	<p>Part 3: Panel Discussion: Coping strategies, lessons learned and building resilience to prevent future pandemics (70 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: David Nabarro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon Luis Eugenio Bastera, Minister of Agriculture, Argentina ● Hon Salifou Ouédraogo, Minister of Agriculture and Hydro-agricultural Development, Burkina Faso (TBC) ● Hon Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India (TBC) ● Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labour Organization (ILO) (TBC) ● Gunhild Stordalen, President, 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 ● CFS Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) representative (TBC) <p>Part 4: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (70 mins)</p> <p>Part 5: Wrap-up, closing remarks by moderator or CFS Chairperson (5 mins)</p>	
<p>4:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 7: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 8: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>

DAY THREE: THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

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<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 9: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 10: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>

<p>1:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Food Systems Transformation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“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”</i></p> <p>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 acknowledge the critical role of women in transforming food systems.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; and c) Examine potential contribution of CFS policy tools to the preparation of the UN Food Systems Summit. <p>Moderator: Waiganjo Njoroge, CFS Secretariat</p> <p>Part 1: Opening and Welcome: Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson (5 mins)</p> <p>Part 2: Setting the Scene: Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General - Keynote address on rethinking the governance of food systems to achieve SDG 2. (10 mins)</p> <p>Part 3: Rapid Fire Interventions: Responses to the keynote address, focusing on strategies to drive food systems transformation at scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner, Agriculture and Rural Economy, African Union (5 mins) – (TBC) • Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Union (5 mins) – (TBC) <p>Part 4: Panel Discussion: Contribution of the two ongoing CFS policy processes towards sustainable food systems (60 mins).</p> <p>Moderator: Corinna Hawkes, Director, Centre for Food Policy, City University of London</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, Germany ● Hon Mariam Al Mehairi, Minister of Food and Water Security, UAE ● Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, Global Environment Facility (TBC) ● Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (TBC) ● Patrick Webb, Technical Advisor, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (GLOPAN) ● Robert Saik, CEO Agvisor Pro, Canada and CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) Representative ● CFS Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) Representative (TBC) <p>Part 5: CFS and the 2021 Food Systems Summit (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agnes Kalibata, UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy ● Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food <p>Part 6: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (60 mins)</p> <p>Part 7: Event Closing Ceremony (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing video (<i>Good for All</i>) by the SDG-2 Advocacy Hub ● Closing remarks and next steps by CFS Chairperson 	
<p>4:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>PARNTER EVENT 11: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>	<p>PARTNER EVENT 12: (Title TBC)</p> <p>Organizer:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Objectives:</p>