



## **Call for experiences in the use and application of two sets of CFS policy recommendations: Food security and climate change (CFS 39, 2012), and Water for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS 42, 2015).**

In line with the Committee on World Food Security's Multi-year Programme of Work ([MYPoW](#)) 2020-2023, a monitoring session is planned for CFS 49, scheduled for 11-15 October 2021, to share experiences and good practices in the use and application of these two sets of policy recommendations:

- [Food security and climate change](#) (CFS 39, 2012)
- [Water for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (CFS 42, 2015)

Stakeholders<sup>1</sup> will be invited to provide input on their experiences in using and applying these policy recommendations through an e-consultation on the FSN Forum, to inform a session to be held during CFS 49.

At the Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group meeting of 4 March 2021, the CFS Secretariat is seeking comments/inputs on a draft template for submissions (attached) to be used to inform this stock-taking session.

Guiding questions for providing your feedback:

- Are these the right questions to ask?
- Are these questions posed in the right way/format?
- Are there other questions to be asked?

Feedback can also be provided in writing before 4 March directly to the CFS Secretariat at [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org)

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### Topic note:

## Call for experiences in the use and application of two sets of CFS policy recommendations on climate change and water in the context of food security and nutrition.

In line with the Committee on World Food Security's Multi-year Programme of Work ([MYPoW](#)) 2020-2023, a monitoring event is planned to be organized during the October 2021 Plenary Session of the CFS to share experiences and good practices in the use and application of two sets of policy recommendations:

- [Food security and climate change](#) (CFS 39, 2012)
- [Water for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (CFS 42, 2015)

**The CFS invites stakeholders<sup>2</sup> to provide input on their experiences in using and applying these policy recommendations by 07 May 2021 to inform a plenary session to be held at CFS 49 in October 2021.**

The event will focus on how food producers and consumers have benefitted, or are expected to benefit, from the use and application of these two sets of CFS policy recommendations. It will also look into whether these documents remain relevant - especially for the UN Food Systems Summit, the Climate Action Agenda, and/or the UN Decade of Action on the SDGs.

The CFS endorsed these policy recommendations in 2012 and 2015, respectively, on how best to address climate change and water issues for food security and nutrition. Their recommendations are premised on the understanding that different regions face context-specific challenges associated with water scarcity, climate change, food production for a growing population, increasing competition for water and other natural resources, increasing degradation of those resources and ecosystems, and unfair and non-transparent allocation mechanisms that do not adequately recognize and/or protect the interests and rights of all users.

These policy recommendations are of great relevance to all CFS stakeholders, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalised, such as smallholder producers and pastoralists, whose livelihoods often depend upon marginal lands. They are key protagonists of the 2030 Agenda, and strengthening their resilience to climate shocks, and promoting sustainable management and conservation of ecosystems (including water) is essential to the fulfilment of the pledge of 'leaving no one behind' and to the achievement of the transformative promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The policy recommendations on water, based on a report of the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (CFS-HLPE) "[Water for Food Security and Nutrition](#)", stress the key role of water in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the importance of sound management of water to achieve food security and nutrition. They encourage governments and other relevant stakeholders to take an ecosystem approach and a people-centred approach to address challenges related to water's contribution to food security and nutrition.

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The policy recommendations on climate change stem from a CFS-HLPE report on “[Food security and climate change](#)”. The resulting policy recommendations adopted by the CFS focus on the serious threats of adverse climate change to food security, especially to small scale food producers’ lives and livelihoods, and to the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

CFS has consistently encouraged stakeholders to share their experiences on a voluntary basis in using and applying CFS policy products and other recommendations, either through reporting “individual” experiences by one group of stakeholders (e.g. a member state, civil society, private sector) or through reporting the results of multistakeholder consultations (organized to discuss experiences) by several groups of stakeholders. Guidance on holding multi-stakeholder consultations at national, regional and global levels is provided in the [Terms of Reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels](#), approved by CFS in 2016.

The recommended approach by CFS to organize multi-stakeholder consultations promotes country-owned and country-led events organized in collaboration and partnership with existing coordination mechanisms and initiatives. National actors should play an active role in organizing such events at all levels, with possible support from the Rome-based Agencies ([Food and Agriculture Organization](#), [International Fund for Agricultural Development](#), and [World Food Programme](#)) or other stakeholders. The results are expected to be documented in reports prepared in consultation with all those stakeholders who participated in the event.

All inputs received in the context of this call for experiences will contribute to our monitoring of progress on the use and application of these two CFS policy documents. Inputs will be synthesized within a document made available for delegates to CFS 49.

**Please use the attached template for sharing your experience in applying any of these policy recommendations.** You can upload the completed form below or send it via email to [fsn-moderator@fao.org](mailto:fsn-moderator@fao.org). The deadline for submissions is **07 May 2021**. Submissions can be made in any of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and should be **strictly limited to 1,000 words**.

We thank you very much for your valuable contributions and look forward to learning from your experiences.

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## Template for submissions:

Please use this [submission form](#) to share your experience in the use and application of these two sets of CFS policy recommendations:

- [Food security and climate change](#) (CFS 39, 2012)
- [Water for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (CFS 42, 2015)

For the necessary background and guidance, please refer to the topic note (available here <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/activities/discussions/XXX>) and other relevant documents available at the same page.

You can upload the completed form to the [FSN Forum](#) ([www.fao.org/fsnforum](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum)) or send it via email to [fsn-moderator@fao.org](mailto:fsn-moderator@fao.org).

Submissions can be made in any of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and should be **strictly limited to 1,000 words**.

<b>Title of your submission*</b>	
<b>Geographical coverage</b> <i>Indicate if your submission covers several levels, e.g. national level and regional level</i>	<i>(e.g. national, regional if several countries of the same region or/ and global if several countries in more than one region)</i>
<b>Country(ies)/ Region(s) covered by your submission</b>	<i>(e.g. Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi)</i>
<b>Contact person</b>	Name: ..... Organization: ..... Email address: .....
<b>Affiliation (indicate your affiliation)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> UN organization <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society / NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Academia <input type="checkbox"/> Donor <input type="checkbox"/> Other .....

\*Please choose a title for your submission, referring e.g. to your organization or/ and geographical coverage

**If the information provided in your submission results from a multistakeholder consultation, please also fill the table in annex.**

(i) <u>Awareness of CFS policy recommendations</u>	- How have you heard of these policy recommendations (e.g. CFS meeting or event, internet, colleagues, government, civil society organization)?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have you taken any actions to make these policy recommendations known to colleagues or other CFS stakeholders (Please tick the answer below)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please explain:</p> </li> <li>- What would you recommend to CFS member states, UN Rome-based Agencies or/ and other stakeholders to make CFS policies more widely known? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(ii) <u>Use of the two sets of policy recommendations</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Which set(s) of policy recommendations have been used at sub-national, national, regional or/ and global level to support sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition (please tick the answer below)?</li> </ul> <p><b><i>[If these policy recommendations have not been used, please go directly to question (xi)]</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For each set that has been used, please indicate for which main purpose(s) it has been used</li> </ul> <p><i>(e.g training; awareness raising; capacity development; development/ assessment of projects, national strategies, plans of action, legislative or policy framework; investments by national governments or international financial institutions in favor of smallholders and/or other vulnerable groups; development of financial proposals that are more favorable to small-scale food producers; formulation and implementation of specific national strategies for sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition; other)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set 1: <a href="#">Food security and climate change</a> Main purpose(s):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set 2: <a href="#">Water for food security and nutrition</a> Main purpose(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Which policy recommendations were found particularly useful to improve sustainable agriculture, increase resilience, and enhance food security and nutrition? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(iii) <u>Present and expected benefits for food producers and consumers</u></p> <p><i>Indicate the results obtained/ expected in the short term and in the medium-to-long term, with quantitative indications where feasible (i.e. estimate of the number of individuals</i></p>	<p>How have food producers and consumers benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from the use of these policy recommendations for food security and nutrition in the short and medium to long-term? How have they contributed to the progressive realization of the right to food? <i>(please answer in the two boxes below)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Results in the short term (qualitative and quantitative):</p>

<p><i>that have been or are expected to be affected)</i></p>	<p><i>(In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, please indicate where feasible the number of individuals that have been directly involved in activities, e.g. six training involving a total of 250 people)</i></p>
	<p>Results in the medium to long term (qualitative and quantitative):  <i>(In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, please indicate where feasible the number of individuals that have been or are expected to be indirectly affected by activities, e.g. training leading to development of local plan of action expected to affect 1,000 individuals)</i></p>
<p>(iv) <u>Present and expected benefits for women</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have any specific actions been taken - in line with these policy recommendations - to promote the realization of women's empowerment, women's rights and gender equality in the context of national food security and nutrition? Please explain:</li> <li>- How have women benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from these actions in terms of food security and nutrition and the progressive realization of the right to food? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(v) <u>Present and expected benefits for the youth</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have any specific actions been taken - in line with these policy recommendations - to promote the involvement of youth in agriculture and related activities, and improve food security and nutrition of young generations? Please explain:</li> <li>- How have youth benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from these actions in terms of food security and nutrition and the progressive realization of the right to food? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(vi) <u>Contribution of the use of these policy recommendations to SDGs</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How has the use of these policy recommendations contributed (or is expected to contribute) to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDGs 1 &amp; 2, and to fostering policy coherence? (please tick the answer): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG 1 (no poverty) Please explain:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2 (zero hunger) Please explain:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) Please explain:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10 (reduced inequalities) Please explain:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13 (climate action) Please explain:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG other (specify) Please explain:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>(vii) <u>Relevance and expected benefits of the use of these policy recommendations to the UN Decade of Action on SDGs, and other global commitments</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How could these policy recommendations contribute to the UN Decade of Action on SDGs, the Climate Action Plan or (further) contribute to other UN Decades (UN Decade of Action on Water, Family Farming, Nutrition, etc.) for improving sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(viii) <u>Catalysts and constraints</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What were the key catalysts that influenced positively the use of these policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition?</li> <li>- What were the main constraints and challenges in using these CFS policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition?</li> </ul>
<p>(ix) <u>Good practices</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What good practices would you recommend for successful use of these policy recommendations?</li> </ul>
<p>(x) <u>Lessons learned</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do you have any suggestions to make to CFS in order to enhance the use of these policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition?</li> </ul>
<p>(xi) <u>Potential use of the policy recommendations for improving food security and nutrition, fostering resilience and enhancing policy coherence</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If these policy recommendations have not been used (or not sufficiently used), how could they be (further) used in the future for improving the food security and nutrition, advancing the progressive realization of the right to food, preserving the ecosystem, fostering resilience, adapting to climate change, mitigating the impacts of adverse climate change, achieving SDGs, and enhancing policy coherence? Please explain:</li> </ul>
<p>(xii) <u>Link to additional information</u></p>	

Annex: to be filled if the information provided results from a multi-stakeholder consultation

Date of the multistakeholder event	
Location of the event (City, Country)	
Which groups of stakeholders participated in the event? (select all those who apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> UN organization <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society / NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Academia <input type="checkbox"/> Donor <input type="checkbox"/> Other .....
Who organized the event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> UN organization <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society / NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Academia <input type="checkbox"/> Donor <input type="checkbox"/> Other .....