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CFS Press Conference

Announcement of new Steering Committee of UN's Science Advisory Body for Food

21 September 2021

13:00–13:30 New York time | 19:00–19:30 Rome time

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What:

Ahead of the United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit, the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will announce a new Steering Committee of its High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE). The CFS HLPE serves as the UN's unique science-policy interface body on food security and nutrition.

Modelled after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), HLPE enjoys a high degree of legitimacy with its constituents, which include governments, civil society, private sector, and UN agencies. It provides high-quality, independent and impartial scientific evidence to CFS – UN's foremost intergovernmental and multistakeholder platform on food security and nutrition through reports and issue papers that serve as the bases for CFS policy products, which are adopted implemented by its members and stakeholders.

HLPE is governed by a steering committee of 15 scientists drawn from academia, research institutions, the public and private sector, civil society and other constituencies. This Committee works with an extensive network of over 2,000 experts from a variety of academic disciplines. Membership to the Steering Committee is renewed every two years through an open nomination process that is based on scientific excellence.

You are invited to a press conference where the new Steering Committee will be unveiled. The new 15 members (eight women and seven men) are renowned scientists from Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, UK, Uruguay, and USA.

Who:

- **Chris Hegadorn**, Secretary, Committee on World Food Security (CFS)
- **Martin Cole**, Chairperson, HLPE Steering Committee
- **Ismahane Elouafi**, FAO Chief-Scientist

Other HLPE Steering Committee representatives will also be present at the press conference.

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