

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2021 UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF)

organized by the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic & the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security



GLOBAL POLICY COORDINATION FOR SDG-2; CFS AMID COVID-19

Wednesday, 14 July 2021 | 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM EST

Register

BACKGROUND

Food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture are central to the 2030 Agenda and are crucial for achieving all of the Sustainable Development Goals. There is an urgent need to accelerate action by all stakeholders at all levels to fulfil the vision and goals of the 2030 Agenda.

According to estimates in the [State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020 report](#), the number of hungry and malnourished people has been slowly on the rise over the past few years with more than 690 million people in the world going hungry in 2019, and over 130 million more pushed into chronic hunger because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, 2 billion people suffer from micronutrient deficiencies and the number of adults who are overweight or obese is ballooning - putting them at higher risk of contracting serious non-communicable diseases (like heart attacks, diabetes, and various cancers). On top of this, over 3 billion people cannot afford a healthy diet. Diet-related illnesses are now the world's number one killer. These conditions call for profound transformation of our food systems to reverse these negative trends, taking into account interlinkages between SDG-2 and other SDGs to mitigate trade-offs and maximize synergies.

The experience of the Rome-based Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in conducting policy convergence work in an inclusive, evidence-based model of consensus-building is a good practice to be shared and learned from. Supported by all three Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP), CFS is comprised of members, civil society and

non-governmental organizations, international agricultural research networks, international and regional financial institutions, relevant private sector associations, foundations, UN agency experts and others. Due to its 2009 reform, CFS is the UN's foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

CONCEPT

This 90-minute side event will highlight CFS's collaborative, multi-stakeholder contribution to international policy convergence aimed at supporting the achievement of global food security and nutrition targets. Speakers will address how CFS is working to drive progress on SDG 2, including through our recently-endorsed [Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition](#) and our [Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches](#).

By attending this side event, participants will

- Learn more about the CFS multi-stakeholder model, its products and results;
- Discuss how CFS policy products address policy coherence in pandemics;
- Explore CFS' role in the Food Systems Summit and follow-up; and
- Highlight the unique science-policy interface and expert reports of the CFS HLPE.

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RUN-OF-SHOW (IN NEW YORK TIME)

7:30 – 7:45 AM | Welcome, Introduction and Framing Remarks

- Introduction to CFS, session objectives, and speakers by **Chris Hegadorn, CFS Secretary** / session moderator
- Brief remarks on the CFS multi-stakeholder model and its contribution to international policy convergence work to drive progress on SDG 2 by **Thanawat Tiensin, CFS Chairperson** and Permanent Representative of Thailand to FAO, IFAD and WFP
- Role of governments in the work of CFS including implementation of CFS policy products at country-level by **Mario Arvelo, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP** and former CFS Chairperson

7:45 – 8:30 AM | Panel Discussion

- Engagement of UN agencies in the work of CFS and its UN inter-agencies model by **Naoko Yamamoto, Chairperson, UN Nutrition**
- Use of CFS policy products at the country to inform national food security policy development and programming by **Gerda Verburg, UN SUN Movement Coordinator, Assistant Secretary-General** and former CFS Chairperson
- Unique science-policy interface and evidence-based work of CFS driven by its High-Level panel of Experts (HLPE) including on COVID-19 by **Jennifer Clapp, member of CFS HLPE Steering Committee**
- Role of the private sector in the achievement of SDG 2 through CFS-led global policy convergence by **Rick White, Chair of the CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)** and Member of the Multi-Actor Food Systems Champions Network
- Role of the civil society in the achievement of SDG 2 through CFS-led global policy convergence by **André Luzzi, CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM)**

8:30 – 8:55 AM | Moderated Q&A

8:55 – 9:00 AM | Session Wrap-up and Conclusion

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