

**WORKPLAN OF CFS WORKSTREAM ON PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS (2021-2022)**

EXCERPTS FROM THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) FOR 2020-2023

36. The objectives of the workstream are twofold: i) to initiate a discussion among all CFS stakeholders, including youth themselves, around fostering the participation of youth in FSN-related decision-making; ii) to create a set of policy recommendations on engaging, recruiting, and retaining youth in agriculture and food systems as a key means of achieving the CFS vision, SDG2, and an array of other SDGs, with a secondary focus on SDGs 5, 8, and 9, 10. The CFS policy recommendations on youth are envisioned as a focused, action-oriented document that will encourage public policies to foster enabling environments capable of tapping into the energy and skills of youth to improve food systems.

84. The process will start with a dedicated and substantive discussion within the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group on how youth can meaningfully engage in food security and nutrition related policymaking. Advisory Group members will be encouraged to invite representatives of their youth constituencies to provide inputs and share their perspectives and experiences.

85. Following the launch of the HLPE report in 2021, the identification of a Rapporteur among CFS Members and a plenary discussion at CFS 49, CFS will conduct a policy convergence process. The process will lead to the development of policy recommendations to be presented to the Committee for endorsement at CFS 50.

| ACTIVITY | TIMEFRAME |
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| PRELIMINARY PHASE - DEFINING PROCESS, MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION AND COLLECTING STAKEHOLDERS INPUTS ON POLICY AREAS: SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2021 | |
| Bureau and Advisory Group to agree on workplan and modalities of participation by youth representatives | September - November 2021 |
| <u>CFS 49</u> : open discussion on HLPE Report and policy areas | 13 October 2021 |
| CFS stakeholders share written inputs on elements to be included in the Zero Draft | 13 October – 30 November 2021 |
| <u>OEWG meeting</u> to discuss policy areas to be included in the Zero Draft | 19 November 2021 (15.00-18.00) |
| PHASE 1 - PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE ZERO DRAFT: DECEMBER 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022 | |
| <u>Thematic Discussion</u> involving OEWG members and HLPE Project Team members to further analyze specific policy areas of the HLPE Report | 10 December 2021 (14.00-17.00) |
| <u>Zero Draft</u> of the Policy Recommendations is circulated (in English only) by the CFS Secretariat | 31 January 2022 (language versions will be ready by mid-February) |
| <u>OEWG meeting</u> to discuss feedback on the Zero Draft | 14 March 2022 (14.00-17.00) |
| <u>Written inputs</u> from OEWG members on the Zero Draft | 18 March 2022 |
| PHASE 2 - PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATION OF FINAL VERSION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: APRIL-JULY 2022 | |
| <u>Draft One</u> of the Policy Recommendations (final version for negotiation) is circulated by the CFS Secretariat | 15 April 2022 (language versions will be ready by end of April) |
| <u>OEWG Negotiations</u> on Draft One | 30-31 May and 1 June 2022 (full day) |
| <u>OEWG Negotiations</u> on Draft One | 4-5-6 July 2022 (full day) |
| PHASE 3 – ENDORSEMENT OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: OCTOBER 2022 | |
| <u>The CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems</u> are presented for endorsement at CFS 50 | October 2022 |