

**CFS Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group meeting and CFS Bureau meeting**

**Dates: 28 and 29 April 2022**

**Time: 14:00 - 17:00 and 9:30 – 12:30**

**Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + Red Room)**

## **Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau Decisions**

### Agenda

- 1. *Impacts on global food security of the conflict in Ukraine. Fostering coordinated global policy responses at the CFS***
- 2. *UN Food System Summit and its implications for CFS***
- 3. *AOB***

Following adoption of the provisional agenda, the Chair informed that the meeting (Zoom platform) would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

The CFS Chairperson also informed that, based on his announcement at the previous Bureau meetings in March regarding transparency and inclusion, the substantive segments of the B&AG meetings will be broadcasted live and that a recording would be posted on the CFS [YouTube](#) channel.

### **1. Impacts on global food security of the conflict in Ukraine. Fostering coordinated global policy responses at the CFS**

CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero, opened the item, underlining the need for a globally-coordinated policy response to address the immediate needs and medium to long-term impacts resulting from the crisis, and stressing his views on the duty for the Committee on World Food Security (as the UN's foremost inclusive platform dealing with food security and nutrition issues) to act, and respond to the short, medium and long-term global impacts resulting from the conflict and already existing impacts of the pandemic, climate and protracted conflicts.

Maximo Torero, FAO Chief Economist, outlined FAO's work to respond to the crisis sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, noting concerns about Indonesia's recent decision to place an export ban on palm oil, as well as the critical importance of being able to move key fertilizer shipments out of Russia at the start of the planting season in key locations (e.g., West Africa).

FAO required additional resources to assist at least 50 countries that are struggling to cope with higher prices of fertilizer, fuel, and other agricultural inputs.

Arif Husain, WFP Chief Economist, informed Bureau and Advisory Group members that the situation is worsening, especially in the Black Sea area. Logistics are becoming increasingly complicated while commodity flows are slowly significantly. Commodity prices and transportation costs are going up rapidly, undermining the ability of WFP to provide food to the large number of people in need. In Ukraine, WFP reached 2.5 million people with food and cash assistance, while its target is to reach up to 6 million people by June with 100,000 metric tons of food - a big part of which is normally procured in Ukraine.

David Nabarro of 4SD briefed on the objectives, activities and structure of the UN Secretary General's Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance which was set up to address the multiple crises triggered by the conflict in Ukraine. He noted that the "Champions Group" - made up of the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh, Barbados and Denmark, the Chancellor of Germany, and the Presidents of Indonesia and Senegal, would convene soon to advocate for actions to prevent, mitigate and respond to the situation. A Steering Committee with 32 senior representatives from across the UN System was established to provide system-wide leadership and coordinated response to the crisis. Three workstreams on Food, Energy and Finance were created to collate data and generate analysis, policy recommendations, and solutions to support decision-making and political engagement by the UNSG aimed at helping the most vulnerable countries and communities.

Jennifer Clapp, Vice-Chair of the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE), presented a "Briefing Note" on impacts on global food security and nutrition of the military conflict in Ukraine. The crisis, she said, had seriously disrupted global trade including Russian and Ukrainian exports, resulting in higher and more volatile food prices. Ms Clapp highlighted the need for CFS to coordinate policy responses at the international level, balancing short and longer-term policy responses and adopting a holistic approach that takes into account the interlinked nature of multiple ongoing crises. In this context, she added, the CFS HLPE stands ready to advise the Committee on these matters. Bureau and Advisory Group members were informed that the upcoming HLPE Note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues, which will inform the elaboration process of the next MYPoW (2024–2027), will build on the lessons learned from present and past crises, so that the themes of the next HLPE reports and CFS workstreams address their short-, medium- and long-term consequences.

Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, described an intervention he made at a recent Arria Session of the UN Security Council dedicated to conflict and hunger. He wondered why this global response was only coming "now" despite years of warnings that the global food system was dangerously imbalanced and mismanaged. He pointed out his view that the current food crisis reflects a failure of the international community, which had not listened to the most vulnerable communities and had not responded to their demands. In addition, lack

of international cooperation and coordination had increased the threat of famine and more conflicts. The Special Rapporteur urged Members to mobilize the Rome-based agencies and other UN organizations and bodies to support CFS in its role to coordinate policy responses in such a time of crisis. Mr Fakhri stressed that the way this food crisis is addressed now will impact the way food systems are transformed in years to come.

Bureau and Advisory Group members shared ideas and positions on the potential role for CFS in coordinating policy responses to the conflict in Ukraine and its negative global impacts. They debated whether it be convenient for CFS to convene an extraordinary CFS Plenary session or hold an intersessional ‘special event’ and whether/how to make use of HLPE analytic capacities with respect to the conflict and its aftermath.

### **Bureau discussion and decision:**

The CFS Bureau highlighted the added value of CFS engaging and addressing the various negative impacts of the conflict in Ukraine on global food security and of fostering globally coordinated policy responses to the looming global food crisis. Its mandate, platform and multi-stakeholder structure were considered key assets. Some called for avoiding duplication, and ensuring coordination with FAO, its Council, and other technical agencies and bodies dealing with the crisis. CFS Bureau members expressed their appreciation for the active engagement of CFS in the UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance. At the same time, several Members expressed concern with the process by which the HLPE developed its Briefing Note, noting that neither the Bureau nor Plenary had requested it, and stated their opposition to its inclusion in any CFS response to the conflict in Ukraine. Other Members, instead, welcomed the Briefing Note produced by the HLPE, as an important contribution. They underlined the significance of this autonomous, independent, and scientific analysis and advice, as a necessary and valuable complement to FAO’s recommendations.

In light of these considerations, the CFS Chair concluded that he appreciated broad support by the Bureau to an intersessional “special event” rather than a formal, extraordinary plenary session, with a focus on global policy responses to the worsening global food security and nutrition situation, with no negotiated outcome document.

The Bureau agreed on the proposed course of action by the Chair, who will consult with the Deputy Secretary General and the RBAs in order to avoid duplications and secure full alignment with the Global Crisis Response Group, and would explore options for a one-day event in early summer, most likely in hybrid format – with its physical venue being either in Rome or possibly New York –as suggested by some members.

## 2. UNFSS and its implications for CFS

The second substantive discussion focused on the work of the Friends of the Chair (FoC) group on the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) and its implications for CFS. The Chair updated the Bureau and Advisory Group on the April meeting of the FoC group, during which, among other things, an Options Paper was discussed. Members of the group commented on the Paper prior to, during, and after the meeting. The CFS Chair noted that, with this input of views, he would circulate a new, more concise Options Paper, for decision by the Bureau, following a last meeting of the Group of Friends.

He noted some of the key convergent principles which has emerged from this consultation process, including that CFS and the UNFSS Coordination Hub should work closely together to avoid overlap and duplication and that the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) would serve as a key forum for UNFSS follow-up.

The CFS Chair also invited further comments on three proposed actions: 1) an invitation by the UNFSS Coordination Hub to co-organize a side event at the HLPF in July 2022, 2) on how best to address the follow-up to the UNFSS at CFS 50, including ideas for the CFS “Special Event” scheduled for the last day of plenary, 3) approaching proactively the UNFSS Coalitions.

Bernard Lehmann, Chairperson of the CFS HLPE Steering Committee, outlined how the HLPE Steering Committee had explored possible ways in which HLPE can be strengthened. This included how to improve visibility of the HLPE, how to be better recognized as the Science-Policy-Interface (SPI) for food and nutrition within the UN System, and how to increase collaboration with other SPIs. HLPE already improved its communication capacity and believed that increasing its size from 15 would help it carry out an increasing workload and cover a broader set of scientific disciplines and regional perspectives. Lehmann noted the Steering Committee’s interest in being afforded more flexibility for providing Members and Participants with additional briefing notes, issue papers, and other input on critical issues of relevance to the Committee.

Bureau and Advisory Group members shared views on both the work of the UNFSS Coordination Hub and the six proposals contained in the Options Paper. Some members expressed concerns over the mandate of the Hub and called to avoid overt commitment by CFS to formally engage the Coalitions, which – in the absence of any formal governance mandate and/or status, could be divisive and counterproductive for CFS. Many supported using CFS’s broad and inclusive convening power to support Members in implementing their National Pathways / strategies. Some Members supported strengthening the CFS-HLPE by diversifying its resource base, allowing it more flexibility to provide expert analysis, and increasing the size of its Steering Committee.

### **Bureau Discussion:**

The CFS Bureau continued the discussion of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting. Most Members agreed that the invitation of the UNFSS Coordination Hub to co-organize a side event at HLPF was a great opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the Hub and CFS,

recognizing its respective roles/mandates. The CFS Chair appreciated the broad support for CFS co-organizing with the Hub a side event at the next HLPF session in July. Likewise, the Chair noted he saw the CFS 50 'Special Event' as a particularly valuable opportunity to focus on CFS support to national pathways, utilizing CFS's broad toolbox of policy guidance, principles, frameworks, etc. The Chair also acknowledged the split views on formally engaging the UNFSS Coalitions. The Chair concluded confirming that he would go ahead confirming actions 1 and 2, while refraining from taking action on 3.

### 3. Any Other Business

#### **Upcoming CFS Negotiations**

The CFS Chair and Secretary clarified that the first round of gender and youth negotiations will be held virtually and subsequent rounds will take place in-person, if rules and regulations allow. The decision to hold in-person negotiations is consistent with Members' expressed interest in returning to in-person meetings and is supported by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. In-presence negotiations will take place in the Plenary room, which currently has a capacity of 100 seats. More information regarding modalities for participation during in-presence negotiations will be circulated by the Secretariat.

#### **CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise**

Representatives of FAO, IFAD and WFP presented their reports on the activities carried out in 2021 as permanent members of the CFS Advisory Group. In addition to their key role as the contributors to the core budget of CFS, attention was paid to the critical technical and financial support provided by the Rome-based Agencies to the successful development of the ongoing CFS policy workstreams. The active role of several staff from the RBAs in the various CFS OEWDs was recognized in the course of the discussion as well as their valuable support in organizing regional consultations and other meetings.

Bureau and Advisory Group members were informed of the RBAs' efforts in promoting the use, application, and dissemination of CFS policy outcomes, through their incorporation in programmatic activities at country level, organization of national dialogues and multi-stakeholder discussions, development of training and capacity building activities and dissemination among relevant actors.

## Annex 1: List of attendees of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

### CFS Bureau Members:

H.E. Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); Ms Antonietta Patricelli (Angola); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Li Hanghao (China); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Mr Tim Kränzlein (Switzerland); Mr Sean Cox, Mr Andrian McAdams, Mr Nathan Miller (USA).

### CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten de Groot (Canada); Ms Diana Infante, Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Punta Cita Nugraha (Indonesia); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa); Mr Kayoya Masuhwa (Zambia).

### Advisory Group:

Mr Maximo Torero Cullen, Mr Mark McGuire (FAO); Ms Wei Wang, Ms Ruth Fianu (IFAD); Ms Bahar Zorzi, Bing Zhao, Mr Arif Husain, Mr Marco Cavalcante, Mr Neal Pronesti, Mr Dom Scalpelli, Mr Jacopo Valentini, Ms Sarah Piccini, Ms Giorgia Maddaloni (WFP); Ms Stineke Oenema, Ms Alessandra Mora (UNN); Mr Rodney Cooke (CGIAR); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Mr Michael Fakhri, Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF); Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Mr Andre' Luzzi, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Paula Gioia, Mr Tyler Short, Ms Giulia Simula, Ms Betsy Diaz, Ms Sofia Monsalve, Ms Patti Naylor, Ms Dee Woods, Ms Saima Zia, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Cristina Brovia, Hala Barakat, Mr Luca Bianchi (CSIPM); Ms Robynne Anderson, Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Ms Marzella Wustefeld (WHO); Mr Felipe Dizon (World Bank); Ms Giulia De Castro (WFO).

### Observers:

Mr Damien Kelly (EU); Kai Kasenurm (Estonia); Ms Delphine Babin-Pellier, Mr Raoul Mille (France); Ms Rita Piccinno (Italy); Mr Bernard Lehmann, Ms Hilal Elver, Mr Iain Wright, Ms Nytia Rao, Ms Elisabetta Recine, Mr Stefan Tangemann, Ms Olanike Adeyemo, Mr Patrick Webb, Ms Jennifer Clapp, Mr William Moseley, Ms Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann (HLPE StC); Ms Cecilia Magarotto (GAFSP); Mr Davis Nabarro, Ms Florence Lasbennes (4SD); Mr Anders Oskal (WRH); Arne Cartridge (WBCSD); Ms Gerda Verburg, Mr Frederic Cavé (SUN Movement); Ms Julia Munroe (UCLG); Ms Ruth Richardson (Global Alliance for the Future of Food).

### CFS Secretariat:

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