

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

Date: 29 July 2022

Time: 9.30-12.30 and 14.00-17.00

Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + German Room)

**Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes –
With Bureau decisions**

Agenda

1. CFS 50 Draft Decisions and Conclusions

- a) *Coordinating policy responses: SOFI 2022*
- b) *GEWGE Voluntary Guidelines*
- c) *Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues*
- d) *CFS MYPoW Rolling Section*
- e) *Theme of the HLPE 2024 Report*
- f) *Youth Policy Recommendations*
- g) *Data Collection and Analysis Tools*
- h) *Global Thematic Event on Boosting Responsible Investments and the CFS RAI Principles*

2. Workstream Updates

3. CFS 50 Preparation Updates

4. Any other business

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma – Osorio, opened the meeting by noting his intention to address the just-concluded third round of formal Gender OEWG negotiations in the final hour of the meeting under ‘Any Other Business,’ once the agenda items on CFS 50 draft decisions and conclusions, work-stream updates, and preparations for the annual plenary session had been considered. The provisional agenda was adopted with that understanding, acknowledging requests by ad hoc advisors to have sufficient time for a meaningful discussion on the Gender negotiations process and its further implications. The CFS Chairperson informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat’s note-taking purposes.

1. CFS 50 Draft Decisions and Conclusions

- a) *Coordinating policy responses: SOFI 2022*

The Chair noted that the draft conclusions for this item were only posted on Wednesday 27 July, following return of CFS staff from New York, where a high-level CFS/PGA event - “Time to Act Together: Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis “ - was convened in person.

The Secretariat took note of reflections and proposed edits by (ad hoc) Advisory Group members with regards to nutrition, inequalities and food systems transformation and submitted these to the Bureau for its further consideration.

Bureau discussion and decision:

Several Bureau members requested additional time to reflect on both the original text and the additions proposed by (ad hoc) Advisory Group members. Additional changes proposed by Bureau Members were inserted in the text.

The Bureau decided to postpone discussion and decision on this item until the Bureau meetings scheduled for 19/20 September. The draft text with proposed edits is included in the Annexes of these Outcomes, for further consideration by the Bureau in September.

b) [GEWGE Voluntary Guidelines](#)

The Chair provided a brief overview of the outcome of the 3rd round of formal negotiations among the Open-Ended Working Group, noting the failure by parties to reach agreement, and offering ideas for potential next steps in the run-up to the CFS 50 plenary on this item. The Chair further noted that a session focused on Gender Equality and Women/Girls' Empowerment would take place during the morning of Day Two of the plenary, including an opening celebration of the International Day of Rural Women. It was yet to be determined, he noted, precise next steps regarding the viability of the draft Voluntary Guidelines ahead of that session, and whether additional negotiation sessions were to be scheduled given divergent views. More information on this would be shared ahead of the next Bureau meeting by the Chair.

Bureau discussion and decision:

Several members of the Bureau and ad/hoc participants expressed their regret for the failure to reach consensus, while all acknowledged the need to reflect on the process and the causes of the lack of agreement, including the length and relative ambition of the text.

Several interventions emphasized that the paragraphs agreed so far contain very relevant guidance on gender equality linked to food security and nutrition, and that this is a very positive asset that the OEWG can build upon.

Considering the serious impasse experienced during the third round of formal negotiations concluded on the evening of 28 July, the Chair noted that a set of "Draft Conclusions" versus a "Draft Decision" may be more appropriate under the circumstances – a draft of which would be prepared by the Secretariat for the Bureau meetings of 19/20 September.

In the meantime, the Gender Co-Chairs would be asked to prepare a brief note summarizing the status of the process under their stewardship as a possible background document for CFS 50. Starting in early September, the CFS Chair would further consult Members and Participants on possible next steps in the process, given the mandate provided in the Multi-Year Program of Work to produce such Guidelines.

c) Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues

The Chair recalled the objective of this agenda item, which is for CFS stakeholders to share their views and suggestions on the most pressing and important issues to be addressed by the Committee on the basis of the HLPE-FSN's note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues, which will set the stage for debate and negotiations via an Open-Ended Working Group created to propose to CFS 51 the content and order of the CFS's next MYPoW (2024-2027).

Following a presentation by HLPE-FSN Steering Committee Member Hilal Elver, Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group members provided preliminary feedback and reactions on the different thematic areas proposed by the HLPE. In response, Germany proposed as a standalone work-stream for the next MYPoW a focus on strengthening implementation of CFS policy tools and frameworks.

Bureau discussion and decision:

No changes were made to the original HLPE-FSN text proposal. The draft conclusions document approved by the Bureau is included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

d) CFS MYPoW Rolling Section

The Chair noted that the draft Rolling Section only envisions a change to the date of the anticipated inter-sessional event on inequalities, now scheduled for 22 November, hosted at IFAD HQ. A working group will be created by the Secretariat in September to solicit input and ideas for the event. CSIPM proposed adding a "stock-taking event" at CFS 51 on use and uptake of CFS policy recommendations on 1) Food Price Volatility and Food Security; and, 2) Social Protection and Food Security. CSIPM also suggested adding a discussion on safeguarding against any 'conflicts of interest' linked to the provision of extra-budgetary resources for implementation of the CFS MYPoW. Suggestions were also made to clarify the financial tables presented in the MYPoW rolling section to clarify real versus projected expenditures on completed work-streams.

Bureau discussion and decision:

The Bureau discussed the two proposals from CSIPM and agreed to their inclusion with amendments. The Secretary noted the difference between a formal CFS 'Global Thematic Event' - which normally takes 18 months+ and significant expense/staff time to prepare - and an informal plenary "stock-taking" event, which can be prepared by the Secretariat with considerably fewer dedicated resources (i.e., staff time, budgetary, etc). The draft decision approved by the Bureau is included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

e) Theme of the HLPE 2024 Report

The CSIPM expressed its preferences concerning possible themes for the HLPE-FSN 2024 report, including possibly merging options 1 and 2 and titling it “Building resilient and equitable food systems for FSN in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”.

The HLPE-FSN Vice Chair noted her concern that merging the first two themes would result in a report that was too broad – as both topics were complex and deserving of in-depth study on their own.

Bureau discussion and decision:

While valuing all the topics as relevant and timely, Members deliberated on the respective prospects of the different possible topics, and their potential for re-energizing Members and the Committee. Data and financing were recognized as two good examples of concrete and action-oriented topics that could lead to positive outcomes and processes.

Among Bureau members, a strong convergence emerged around the theme of urban food systems and rural transformation, including its potential relevance and links to CFS’s draft Policy Recommendations on youth employment and engagement. Bureau Members, furthermore, considered concerns expressed by the HLPE-FSN Vice Chair, who cautioned strongly against trying to merge the very broad and complex topics of themes 1 and 2.

Recognizing it was not among the three topics proposed for the HLPE’s 2024 report or the CEEI paper, one Bureau member proposed a report on ‘financing for development’ and food systems be considered, whether for the 2024 report theme or as a topic for the next CFS MYPoW.

The draft decision approved by the Bureau is included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

f) Youth Policy Recommendations

Text suggestions for the end of paragraph 2.e referring to principles of participation, transparency, and accountability of the CFS monitoring function, as well as to the commitment to ensuring youth participation in the process, were suggested.

It was suggested to invite the HLPE-FSN Team Leader for the Youth Report to speak during the Youth session at CFS 50.

Bureau discussion and decision:

The Bureau agreed to include the additional text suggested during the meeting with the Advisory Group with minor adjustments. Minor amendments have also been included in paragraph 2.g to make it consistent with past decisions on items of a similar nature.

The draft decision approved by the Bureau is included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

g) Data Collection and Analysis Tools

The Secretariat took note of proposed comments from the Advisory Group underlining the need for active engagement of all stakeholders (government, civil society, private sector, academia etc.) in the Open-Ended Working Group for this workstream, and on specific types of data measurements to emphasize, including those from AMIS and disaggregated data on sex, age, disability and gender-sensitive statistics.

Clarification on process and timeline for nominating the Rapporteur for this work-stream was also requested. The Secretary noted that an email would be forthcoming soon to Bureau Members announcing the open call for a Rapporteur.

Bureau discussion and decision:

The Bureau agreed to proposed changes to the text during the meeting with the Advisory Group with minor amendments drawing from language agreed in relevant UNGA Resolutions.

The draft conclusions approved by the Bureau are included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

h) Global Thematic Event on Boosting Responsible Investments and the CFS RAI Principles

The Secretariat took note of Advisory Group interventions underlining the importance of this GTE as one way to highlight the need for increased responsible investment and greater availability of resources aligned to the 2030 Agenda.

Bureau discussion and decision:

The following statement was shared at the Bureau meeting by Germany: *'Under the German G7 Presidency, in its commitment to the Global Alliance for Food Security, G7 made significant financial commitments in Elmau to address urgent humanitarian needs in light of the current global food crisis and to promote investments in sustainable agriculture and food systems; we call on other Member States and further stakeholders to join us and follow this example'.*

Minor amendments were made to paragraph 2.c and 2g.

The draft conclusions approved by the Bureau, are included in Annex C of these Outcomes.

2. Workstream Updates

No comments were made on this item.

3. CFS 50 Preparation Updates

Participants were briefed on the latest updates on CFS 50 preparation including on its modality and deadline for registration. The Secretary emphasized that early registration was strongly encouraged, that seating was limited, and that nominations for the Drafting Committee (and Chair) were still needed.

4. Any other business

Policy Convergence Process on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems

Expressing appreciation for the excellent work carried out by Rapporteur, Ambassador Pio Wennubst of Switzerland, Germany pointed out that the process on Youth might have been more inclusive of all stakeholders' positions. Several Members presented opposing views in this regard, highlighting what they considered to have been a fair, transparent and inclusive process led by the Rapporteur, and expressed appreciation for the positive outcome.

Gender Work-stream OEWG Negotiations

The Chair opened the floor for input and comments about the third round of OEWG negotiations on draft Gender Voluntary Guidelines, acknowledging the strong disappointment felt by many at not having reached agreement in the time allotted. CSIPM questioned the longer-term impacts on the Committee from this episode, while others questioned specific aspects of the process and sought clarity on next steps. The Chair shared the frustration of not having reached agreement, adding that he would use August to reflect on the process and explore possible avenues to fulfil the mandate bestowed by the MYPOW (2020-2023), in this regard. Members and Advisors roundly thanked and appreciated the Co-Chairs for their hard-work, dedication and efforts to build consensus on a lengthy, complex document. The Secretary thanked the previous co-chair, the Secretariat team, consultants, technical task team and donors that had allowed us to come so far. Some members reminded that significant progress had been achieved on a wide variety of topics covered by the draft text, and called for those agreements to be recognized and preserved for future use. The Chair closed the meeting and discussion pointing out that the topic would be discussed again in the September Bureau meeting, including ideas for subsequent steps and actions on the issue.

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

CFS Bureau members:

H.E. Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); H.E. Maria de Fatima Jardim, Ms Antonietta Patricelli, (Angola); Mr Manash Mitra (Bangladesh); Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Li Hanghao, Xin ZENG (China); Mr Mina Rizk (Egypt); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); H.E. Jackline Yonga, Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya); Mr Cheik Oubey Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania); Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand); Mr Tim Kränzlein (Switzerland); Mr Andrian McAdams, (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten de Groot (Canada); Ms Diana Infante (Dominican Republic); Ms Purn Cita Nugraha, (Indonesia); Mr Manar Al Sabah (Kuwait); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa).

Advisory Group:

Mr Maximo Torero Cullen, Mr Mark McGuire (FAO); Ms Alessandra Mora (UN Nutrition) ; Ms Jordana Blankman, Ms Ruth Fiano (IFAD); Mr Marco Cavalcante, Mr Jacopo Valentini, (WFP); Mr Rodney Cooke (CGIAR); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF); Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Mr Andre Luzzi, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Paula Gioia, Ms Giulia Simula, Ms Betsy Diaz, Ms Sofia MonsalveMs Saima Zia, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Hala Barakat, Mr Luca Bianchi, (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Gerard Ronit (USAID); Mr Felipe Dizon (World Bank); Ms Giulia De Castro (WFO); Ms Marzella Wüstefeld (WHO).

Observers:

Mr Thomas Duncan (Panama); Ms Jennifer Clapp, Ms Hilal Elver (HLPE StC); Mr Mattheus Zanella (Global Alliance for the Future of Food); Anders Oskal; Soumitra Mondal; Clayton Elbel; Massimo Ziad Ammar.

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Chris Hegadorn (Secretary), Mr Evariste Nicoletis (HLPE Coordinator), Ms Paola Termine (HLPE), Ms Bahar Zorofi, Ms Françoise Trine, Mr Antonio Salort-Pons, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Marina Calvino, Mr Waiganjo Njoroge, Mr Martin Schunk, Ms Paola Franceschell, Ms Silvia Meattini.



Annex 2: List of attendees of the Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau members:

H.E. Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Ms Antonietta Patricelli (Angola); Mr Manash Mitra (Bangladesh); Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Li Hanghao , Ms Li Xi (China); Mr Mina Rizk (Egypt); 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).

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Observers:

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Mr Chris Hegadorn (Secretary), Ms Bahar Zorofi, Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Marina Calvino, Mr Waiganjo Njoroge, Mr Martin Schunk, Ms Paola Franceschelli.

Annex 3: Draft Conclusions and Decisions agreed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group

COORDINATING POLICY RESPONSES TO THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS – STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2022 – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

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THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT DECISION

CRITICAL, EMERGING AND ENDURING ISSUES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

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CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 UPDATE OF THE ROLLING SECTION – WITH DRAFT DECISION

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THEME OF THE HLPE REPORT FOR 2024 – WITH DRAFT DECISION

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CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT DECISION

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BOOSTING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON THE CFS PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS - DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

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