



Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition

COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

GUIDE TO FIFTIETH CFS SESSION (CFS 50)
"Global Responses to a Global Food Crisis – Leaving No One Behind"

10-13 OCTOBER 2022

GUIDE TO CFS 50

Welcome to the fiftieth plenary session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS 50), to be held from **10-13 October 2022**.

The Plenary will start with a special ministerial-level segment to focus on the state of food insecurity in the world and on fostering coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ecological and economic shocks, the conflict in Ukraine and protracted crises elsewhere. It will be kicked off by a discussion of the 2022 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report (SOFI), and will address structural causes of hunger and malnutrition. The 50th plenary session will also endorse CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition, as well as CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems.

In addition, the Plenary will deliberate on the CFS's strategic direction to accelerate action on SDG-2, kick off a CFS policy convergence process on Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition, and review ways of boosting responsible investment in sustainable agriculture and food systems through a global thematic event, where the Committee will take stock of the uptake of CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI). The session will also feature a Special Event organized by the CFS Secretariat, in partnership with the UN Food Systems Summit Coordination Hub, on follow-up to the September 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, including a review of progress on implementing national transition pathways announced at that summit.

CFS 50 LOGISTICS

Dates and times: Monday, 10 October – Thursday, 13 October 2022. Plenary and side events to be held in hybrid format.

Morning plenary: 09:30 - 12:30; **afternoon plenary:** 14:30 – 17:30, Rome time.

Drafting Committee: Wednesday, 18:30. Room location, TBC.

Hosting: CFS 50 will be organized in a hybrid format with selected high level speakers, Members and Participants attending in person at FAO Headquarters in Rome, with other participants joining virtually via ZOOM (Meeting format). See [FAO guidance on effective participation in Zoom meetings](#). The session will also be available via webcast for Observers.

Participation and languages: CFS 50 is open to all Members of the Committee, Participants and Observers. Its formal plenary sessions will be conducted in all FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

High-level participation: Member delegations are strongly encouraged to include senior-level participants such as a Minister, Vice Minister of State Secretary (or equivalent) and inform the CFS Secretariat by 23 September 2022 to be afforded priority protocol consideration on the Speakers' List.

Registration for Member and Non-Member states: Diplomatic representatives designated to attend the CFS 50 must register online using their protected password reserved for FAO Permanent Representatives at <http://permreps.fao.org/> before 23 September 2022. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the Permanent Representatives Website (PRWS).

Registration for other Stakeholders: Participants and Observers designated to attend the 50th Session of CFS should send an email to CFS50-Registration@fao.org by 23 September 2022 indicating names and last names, organization, official title, address, and **email address**. Personalized links to access the virtual meeting will be made available upon receipt of the above information.

More information: Please visit the [CFS 50 web page](#) where the latest news, documents and updates will be posted.

Timekeeping: CFS 50 provides an opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less) and relevant to the item under discussion. Ministers or regional representatives will be afforded five minutes for statements, per usual CFS practise. Lengthy formal statements are strongly discouraged. Prior to the start of a session, delegate statements should be emailed to cfs@fao.org for forwarding to FAO's Conference Services interpreters. All statements and presentations received from session speakers will be posted on the [CFS 50 web page](#) (in their original language).

Social media: Connect with us [@UN_CFS](#) and use the hashtag #CFS50 in your social media outreach. A social media toolkit is available on the [CFS 50 web page](#).

Enquiries: Please contact the CFS Secretariat at CFS@fao.org for any remaining questions.

ANNOTATION OF THE AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The Membership of the Committee will be confirmed, the CFS 50 Agenda and Timetable adopted, and the Drafting Committee appointed.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2022/50/1 – CFS 50 Provisional Agenda
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.1 – CFS 50 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.2 – Guide to CFS 50 (this document)
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.4 – Membership List
- CFS 2022/50/2 – Guide to the Preparation of the CFS 50 Final Report

II. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT: COORDINATING POLICY RESPONSES TO THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS - THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2022 *(for information and discussion)*

Today, conflict, climate variability and extremes, economic slowdowns and downturns (exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic) are recognized as the major drivers of the recent rise in hunger and food insecurity. [placeholder text from SOFI 2022] The war in Ukraine adds to preexisting shocks, seriously threatening global food security and nutrition, and making coordination of global policy responses critical and urgent.

Session Rollout:

The session will open with statements by the following individuals, or their delegates (whose statements will be posted on the CFS 50 Session document webpage):

- The UN Secretary-General;
- The Presidents of the General Assembly and ECOSOC
- The CFS Chairperson;
- The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
- The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP);
- The Chair of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee;
- Other high level speakers.

The 2022 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report will be presented followed by a discussion on the impact of the conflict in the Black Sea, COVID-19, shocks, conflicts and crises on global food security and nutrition.

The session will also feature presentation by the United Nations' Global Crisis Response Group on joint policy responses needed, with a specific focus on short, medium and long term action, as well as on means of implementation.

Delegates from across the globe will then have the opportunity to make interventions, highlighting their analysis of the situation at the country level, policy options for the way forward, as well as the role CFS is expected to play as it strives to achieve its vision “*for a world free from hunger where countries implement the voluntary guidelines for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security*”.

This item will continue in the afternoon with delegations' statements. At the end of the session, draft conclusions will be presented for discussion and endorsement by Plenary.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2022/50/3 – Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.15 – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.22 – CFS Global Strategic Framework (GSF)

III. EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS AND PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY. ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for decision)

The session will have two parts:

Part I: Celebration of International Day of Rural Women

Part I Rollout:

- Brief introduction by the CFS Chair
- Introduction by a senior IFAD official
- Keynote remarks by a rural woman farmer

Part II: . Endorsement of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition

The final version of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition (VGs on GEWGE), resulting from an inclusive multi-stakeholder negotiation process will be presented for consideration and endorsement by CFS Plenary. The process included Open-Ended Working Group meetings, six regional consultations and a global electronic consultation and was supported by a Technical Task Team composed of experts nominated by the CFS Advisory Group constituencies, Stakeholders are encouraged to express commitments to implement the Guidelines at global, regional, country and local levels.

Part II Rollout:

- Presentation of the final draft of the VGs on GEWGE by the Co-Chairs of the CFS OEWG on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment:
 - Ms Tanja Grén, Permanent Representative of Finland to FAO, WFP and IFAD, and
 - Mr Tomas Duncan Jurado, Permanent Representative of Panama to FAO, WFP and IFAD
- Endorsement of the VGs on GEWGE
- Keynote remarks, followed by interventions from the floor.

At the end of the discussion, a draft decision will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2022/50/4 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

- CFS 2022/50/5 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decision

IV. CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION TOWARD 2030 (for discussion and decision)

The objective of this agenda item is to encourage meaningful discussions among CFS stakeholders on the strategic direction that the Committee should take to accelerate action on SDG2 ("End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture") to achieve all SDGs.

In line with the provisions of Annex B of the CFS Implementation Report on the new MYPoW structure and process (CFS 2022/50/Inf.17, adopted at CFS 45), this session is designed to support CFS in fulfilling its role as *“the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings”*.

Session Rollout:

This agenda item will be divided into three parts.

Part 1: Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues for Food Security and Nutrition (for discussion)

This section will set the stage for the preparation of the 2024-2027 CFS MYPoW, which is expected to be developed in the 2022-2023 intersessional period and endorsed at CFS51. CFS stakeholders will have the opportunity to share their views and suggestions on potential issues to be addressed by the Committee on the basis of the HLPE note on Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues (CFS 2022/50/Inf./16).

The outcomes of the discussion will be captured through a short CFS Chairperson’s Summary as part of the draft conclusions, for consideration and endorsement by Plenary. A more exhaustive Chairperson Summary will be developed and circulated after the session.

Part 2: Update of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 (for decision)

CFS Members will be asked to consider the annual update of the rolling section of the CFS 2020-2023 MYPoW, as prepared by the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group. The CFS Chair will introduce document CFS 2022/50/7 and invite interventions by CFS stakeholders.

Following discussion, a draft decision will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

Part 3: Theme of the 2024 HLPE Report (for decision)

CFS members will select the theme of the 2024 HLPE report on the basis of a proposal prepared by the CFS Bureau, in collaboration with the Advisory Group (CFS 2022/50/8).

Following discussion, a draft decision will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

Background documents:

- CFS 2022/50/6 – Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues for Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.16 – Third HLPE Note on Critical, Enduring and Emerging Issues for Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.17 – Annex B of the CFS Implementation Report on the new MYPoW structure and process

- CFS 2022/50/7 – CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decision
- CFS 2022/50/8 – Theme of the 2024 HLPE report– with Draft Decision
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.18 – CFS Annual Progress Report 2022

V. EMPOWERING YOUTH IN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS (for decision)

Following the release of a dedicated report by CFS High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) in 2021 and multistakeholder consultations and negotiations in 2022, this session is expected to seek plenary endorsement of the CFS policy recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems.

This session will also provide an opportunity for CFS stakeholders to share ideas and proposals on how to promote dissemination, use and application of the policy recommendations at all levels to contribute making agriculture and food systems more attractive to young people and increase their capacity to generate decent employment opportunities and livelihoods.

Session Rollout:

- Presentation of the final draft of the policy recommendations by Ambassador Pio Wennubst (Switzerland), Rapporteur of the CFS Youth Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG)
- Endorsement of the policy recommendations
- Keynote remarks
- Interventions from the floor

At the end of the discussion, a draft decision will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

Background documents:

- CFS 2022/50/9 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- CFS 2022/50/10 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems – Draft Decision

VI. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TOOLS (for discussion)

This agenda item marks the beginning of the CFS policy convergence process on Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition. The objectives of this session are to provide plenary with an opportunity to discuss the relevant policy findings of the HLPE Report on “Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition”, and give guidance on the issues to be addressed in the development of CFS Policy Recommendations on this topic.

Session Rollout:

This agenda item will be divided into two parts:

Part 1: The HLPE report presentation

- Project Team Leader, Mr Carlo Cafiero, will present an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE Report, focusing on implications for the upcoming CFS policy convergence process.

- A discussant will underline the relevance of data – as means of implementation - for monitoring progress on SDG2, and as instruments for grounding food systems transformation that delivers on food security and nutrition.

Part 2: Delegates discussion on the findings of the report.

Delegates are encouraged to share their views on the basis of the following guiding questions:

1. What are the priority policy areas to be addressed by the CFS policy convergence process?
2. How can CFS foster the production, analysis and use of data for supporting food security and nutrition-related policy-making?
3. Are there any relevant initiatives and experiences on strengthening production, analysis, dissemination and use of data in agriculture and food systems that CFS can build upon?

At the end of the session, draft conclusions will be presented for discussion and agreement.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2022/50/11 – Data Collection and Analysis Tools – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.19 – HLPE Report (2022) on Data Collection and Analysis Tools

VII. BOOSTING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON THE CFS PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS (for information and discussion)

Climate change, conflicts, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the increasing cost of food are having significant negative impacts on global food supplies, access to food, and long-term sustainable development. This will damage prospects for the most marginalized and vulnerable as well as for the achievement of the SDGs, particularly SDG2 on Hunger.

More and smarter investments in agriculture and food systems are needed. While we face a food crisis - with spiking agricultural input and fuel prices, there is also an opportunity to transform global food systems towards more resilient food supply chains through more sustainable practices and the empowerment of smallholders, family farmers, SMEs and cooperatives – especially women and youth.

Financing for Development in the era of COVID-19 and beyond, presents an opportunity to make bold choices that were considered by Heads of State and Government on the Margins of the UNGA in September 2020. This will support countries in pursuit of ways and means to build back forward and greener from the COVID pandemic. Responsible investments in agriculture and food systems – the ones that impact positively on all three dimensions of sustainable development and on all the 17 SDGs - can enhance food security and nutrition and support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

How much will it cost to properly finance sustainable and inclusive food systems that are not just capable of ending hunger and malnutrition, but simultaneously eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities in all their dimensions, and deliver on climate, biodiversity, soils and the rest of the SDGs? What needs to be done to unleash the billions of public and private resources needed to achieve SDG 2?

This CFS-50 Global Thematic Event (GTE) will examine these questions and take stock of the uptake of the interconnected and complementary [Principles for Responsible Investments in Agriculture and Food Systems](#) (CFS-RAI) that provides a framework to guide actions of stakeholders engaged in agriculture and food systems. The GTE will offer an interactive multi-stakeholder dialogue to share experiences and good practices in the use and application of the CFS-RAI.

The event is informed by the documented experiences and good practices of a broad range of stakeholders in the use and application of these Principles, and will contribute to monitoring progress in implementing the CFS-RAI at global, regional and national levels.

Session rollout:

Keynote presentation

Moderated panel discussion: With key CFS stakeholders, including experiences from: government representatives, International Financial Institutions, private investors, the Latin American Parliamentary group (Parlatino), farmer organizations and businesses. Panelists will present their experiences, highlighting challenges, results obtained, and lessons learned to foster more responsible investment in agriculture and food systems and will propose additional actions needed

Floor debate: The following questions will help guide the discussion, along with questions/comments from the floor:

1. What is the role of voluntary standards such as the CFS RAI Principles in boosting responsible and impact investments in sustainable agriculture and food systems? What incentives are needed to encourage the use of such standards?
2. How have the Principles been 'customized' to fit particular contexts and specific needs of people living in food insecurity?
3. What are the main constraints and challenges in using these CFS-RAI Principles for strengthening responsible investment in agriculture and food systems?
4. Where are the opportunities for future use of the CFS –RAI Principles?
5. Are the CFS RAI Principles still relevant for strengthening investments in agriculture and food systems and in identifying the main stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities in this regard?

Closing: The Moderator will wrap up the discussion and present a brief summary.

At the end of the session draft conclusions will be presented for discussion and agreement.

Background Documents:

- CFS 2022/50/Inf.20 – CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- CFS 2022/50/Inf.21 – Monitoring the use and application of CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems – Secretariat's analysis of the contributions received to inform the Global Thematic Event
- CFS 2022/50/12 – Global Thematic Event on the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems – Draft Conclusions

CFS SECRETARIAT'S SPECIAL EVENT

In the wake of the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit and the 2022 HLPF, and in partnership with the UN Food Systems Summit Coordination Hub, this session will be a chance for countries and other stakeholders to share their efforts and progress on the implementation and follow up of their national pathways and strategies, using CFS policy instruments where appropriate . More details on the session to follow.

Background Documents:

- Documents reference to be added later

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

During this item, arrangements for the CFS 51 Plenary Session in October 2023 will be discussed. The CFS 50 Final Report, as presented by the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee, will also be adopted (advance electronic copies of the Final Report will be made available during the early afternoon of Thursday 13 October 2022).

NOTE ON CFS 50 SIDE EVENTS

To enrich and complement the CFS 50 Plenary and give partners and other stakeholders an opportunity to highlight their work, CFS will organize 32 side events over the four days. The side events, chosen from among submissions received by the CFS Chairperson, are organized by CFS stakeholders. A full schedule of all side events will be made available in due course on the [CFS 50 webpage](#). For questions on the CFS 50 side events, please contact the CFS Secretariat: CFS-side-events@fao.org