

Workstreams and Activities Updates

*****These updates cover the period since the 27 May 2022 CFS Bureau Meeting*****

1. Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment

The first and second rounds of negotiations of the *Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition* were completed. The second round was held in hybrid format as agreed by the CFS Bureau to allow Members who would otherwise not have been able to participate to contribute to the process via virtual means.

The third round of negotiations will be held from 25 to 28 July with the same working modalities, with in-presence participation in the Green Room. The negotiations will be based on the updated Co-Chairs' proposal shared on 8 July on the [Gender webpage of the CFS Website](#).

The updated schedule of the third round of negotiations is indicated in the table below. All formal sessions will be interpreted. Friends of the Co-Chairs' meetings may be held during the mid-day break and in the evenings after evening sessions, as needed.

Dates	Morning sessions	Afternoon sessions	Evening sessions
25 July	9:30-12:30	14:00-17:00	17:30-20:30
26 July	9:30-12:30	14:00-17.00	-
27 July	9:30-12:30	14:00-16:30 17:00-20:00	20.00-22.30
28 July	10.30-13.30	15.00-18.00	18.30-21.00

2. Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems

Following an inclusive multi-stakeholder consultation and negotiation process, CFS Members and stakeholders reached an agreement on the [CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition](#) on 6 July 2022. The policy recommendations will be submitted for final endorsement at CFS 50.

3. Data collection and data analysis tools for food security and nutrition

The HLPE report on '*Data collection and data analysis tools for food security and nutrition*' is expected to be finalized by the end of August 2022 in all languages, with an official launch event scheduled for 16 September 2022, at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

The policy convergence process will officially start at CFS 50 plenary in October 2022. A 'Rapporteur', from among CFS Members, is expected to be nominated by the CFS Bureau at its meeting in September.

4. High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (CFS-HLPE)

Following the e-consultation on the V0 Draft of the 3rd note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues, and the discussion at CFS Bureau and B&AG meetings, the HLPE-FSN finalized the 3rd note. It has been made available to inform discussion at the 29th July meeting.

5. Chairperson's Engagements

The reporting period has been very intense and productive in terms of strategic and public engagements to promote the CFS platform and its globally agreed policy tools.

Following the deliberations of the Bureau in April on the organization of an extraordinary inter-sessional event on the role of the CFS in the current food crisis, on 18 July, the CFS Chair and the President of UNGA co-convened a high-level event on global food security, entitled "Time to Act Together: Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis". More information is available on the [CFS Webpage](#).

Other engagements included:

- On 8 June, a presentation of the reports of CFS 48 and CFS 49 to the ECOSOC. In his presentation, the CFS Chair also updated Members of the Council on other activities undertaken by the Committee in the last inter-sessional period;
- On 24 June, the CFS Chair addressed Ministers and other senior level delegates at the Conference "Uniting for Global Food Security", held in Berlin, and convened by the G7 Presidency;
- On 15 July, the CFS Chair will welcome participants to a joint side-event, co-organized by the CFS and the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and co-hosted by: Dominican Republic, Kenya, Nigeria, Portugal, and the Kingdom of Spain; and
- On 18 July, CFS Chairperson will speak at a High-Level Event of the ECOSOC on "Future proofing multilateralism for a resilient and inclusive recovery".

A dedicated [webpage](#) has been created on the CFS website featuring statements, remarks and speeches by the CFS Chair.

6. Communications, Events and Outreach

Digital outreach

- **Public Discussion:** The substantive segment of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 25 May was webcast live on the CFS YouTube channel. A recording of the substantive segment is available [here](#).
- **Quarterly Newsletter:** The CFS Quarterly with highlights of the Committee's work newsletter was published and distributed to about 20,000 contacts on 24 June. The Newsletters available [here](#).
- **Call for CFS 50 Side Events:** On 13 June, the CFS Secretariat launched the call for CFS 50 side events across its platforms, including social media and its website. The deadline was on 15 July 2022. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by 29 July 2022. More information is available on the [CFS 50 webpage](#).

CFS VGGT 10-year Anniversary

- **High level event:** CFS and FAO jointly organized a high-level event on 27 May 2022 to assess the lessons learnt over the past ten years; remind policy makers and stakeholders of the potential these guidelines hold; and to re-confirm political, policy and financial commitments to accelerate implementation of the Guidelines. More information, including a link to the recording of the event, is available on the [CFS webpage](#).
- **New cover of the CFS VGGT:** As part of the 10-year anniversary, CFS and FAO updated the front cover of the CFS VGGT. The 10-year anniversary edition of the CFS VGGT are available [here](#).
- **Land Policy in Niger inspired by the CFS VGGT:** FAO produced a [video on the land policy in Niger](#), which was inspired by the CFS VGGT and prepared by a national multistakeholder committee.