

INTRODUCTION

The CFS Rules of Procedure provide clear guidance on the role of the Advisory Group. In particular, they state that *“the Advisory Group shall assist the Bureau by sharing with it the expertise and knowledge of the broad range of organizations it represents and its outreach to constituencies. It shall contribute regularly with substantive work to the intersessional activities of the Committee, and its members may propose issues to the Bureau for consideration”*¹.

Furthermore, *“each member of the Advisory Group should be responsible for the establishment, maintenance and strengthening of regular linkages with organizations and entities within the category it represents with a view to:*

- a) Promote the engagement of interested organizations and entities that are represented in each of the five categories of the Advisory Group in order to ensure a two-way exchange of information during CFS inter-sessional periods;*
- b) Facilitate the participation and provision of inputs, comments and proposals regarding ongoing CFS activities from those entities represented in each category that could provide relevant contributions to CFS discussions;*
- c) Assist the Bureau in the identification of important developments in the area of food security and nutrition at global, regional and national levels and raise awareness towards the ongoing activities carried out by the different entities represented in each category;*
- d) Contribute to the dissemination of CFS outcomes and deliberations”*².

In line with their roles and responsibilities, *“at the end of each inter-sessional period, each member of the Advisory Group should prepare a report to inform the Bureau about the work carried out during the year to fulfil their roles. Particular attention should be devoted to the achievements obtained in involving their constituencies and facilitating a two-way exchange of information and inputs among their stakeholders and the Committee”*³.

The provision regarding the reporting exercise was included in the CFS Rules of Procedure at CFS 41 in 2014. The Bureau then agreed on a set of questions to be submitted to the Advisory Group members and the reports were provided every year since 2015.

The Bureau, following discussions with its Advisory Group, at its meeting on 24 March 2023 is expected to finalize and agree upon the reporting exercise concerning the period January-December 2022.

¹ CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 2

² CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 3

³ CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 4

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR THE REPORTING EXERCISE 2022

The following questions are suggested to be forwarded to the attention of the Advisory Group members. They will be asked to submit their inputs by Friday 28 April 2023.

I. CONTRIBUTION TO CFS ACTIVITIES

Describe the work your organization or constituency has carried out in support of various CFS intersessional and plenary activities (meetings, Technical Task Teams, Open-Ended Working Groups, Bureau/Advisory Group meetings, etc), including coordination activities and the exchange of information and consolidation of inputs between your constituency and CFS;

II. USE, APPLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF CFS OUTCOMES

Provide examples of the use and application of CFS products (guidelines, recommendations, etc.) in your work programmes and describe the main elements of your outreach activities undertaken to disseminate CFS products;

III. STRENGTHENING THE LINKAGES BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY GROUP CONSTITUENCIES

What suggestions do you have to enhance the interaction between the Committee and different relevant actors on the ground to increase knowledge about CFS work at country level?

IV. SUCCESS STORIES (optional)

Describe how your organization or constituency has used a CFS product or products to improve the food security and nutrition situation of individuals, communities, etc. in furtherance of accomplishing SDG 2.