

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting and CFS Bureau meeting

Date: 29 July 2024

Time: 09:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 - 18:30

Hybrid meeting (FAO German Room and Zoom Platform)

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CFS Extraordinary Bureau

Date: 6 September 2024

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Hybrid meeting (FAO Mexico Room and Zoom Platform)

[please note that the Extraordinary Bureau meeting has been organized as a continuation of the Bureau meeting held in July, and the decisions taken by the extraordinary Bureau meeting are reported under each relevant agenda items (CFS 52 draft decisions and conclusions)]

**Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes -
With Bureau Decision**

Agenda

1. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report
2. CFS 52 Draft Decision and Conclusions:
 - A) II.B – State of Food Security in the World 2024
 - B) III – Global Thematic Event
 - C) IV – Strengthening the impact of CFS policy products
 - D) V - CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section
 - E) VI - Addressing multiple dimensions on inequalities
 - F) VII - Promoting food security and nutrition across the rural-urban continuum
 - G) VIII - Promoting decent work in agriculture and food systems
 - H) IX - Forum on the uptake of the CFS GEWE Voluntary Guidelines
3. CFS 52 Guide
4. HLPE-FSN Issues Paper – Conflict-induced acute food crises: potential policy responses in light of current emergencies
5. Workstream Updates including the CFS budget
6. Any Other Business - a) Update on the Policies against Hunger Conference

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, welcomed CFS Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group Members to the joint meeting and outlined the provisional agenda.

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following two items under AOB, as requested by some Bureau and Advisory Group Members: a briefing on the Global Alliance Against Poverty and Hunger proposal under the Brazilian Presidency of the G20; participation to the CFS plenary and the support for the constituencies who are most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.

Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

1. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report (with Bureau decision)

The CFS Chairperson introduced this item by providing an overview of the revised version of the Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report.

A request to convert item II.C on 'Collaborative Governance' from Type C to Type B was made.

The CFS Chair reminded Bureau Members that volunteers for the Drafting Committee are expected to be nominated by all Regional Groups, including a nomination for the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved the Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report as it was originally presented without the amendments proposed during the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

2. CFS 52 Draft Decision and Conclusions:

A) II.B – State of Food Security in the World 2024 (with Bureau decision)

The Chair introduced the document BurAG/2024/07/29/02a, noting that its preparation was linked to the launch of the SOFI report, which took place on 24 July. The Chair also introduced the proposed Friends of the Chair process which, through informal consultations, is expected to facilitate consensus on the draft conclusions of Agenda Item II b at the Plenary.

In light of their thematic relevance, the Chair requested that presentations on the HLPE-FSN Issues Paper on *Conflict-induced acute food crises: potential policy responses in light of current emergencies* - by the HLPE-FSN Chairperson, as well as by the HLPE-FSN Coordinator ad interim - and on the recently launched Global Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition - by Brazil - be included in this agenda item.

There was general appreciation for the HLPE-FSN Issues paper. Some Members noted that a thorough discussion on the Issues Paper would require additional time. Preliminary comments on the paper emphasized the need to consider all conflict induced food crises.

Members and Participants also welcomed the update provided by Brazil on the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition and its interconnection with the work of CFS.

Bureau decision (29 July):

Bureau Members agreed to the proposed Friends of the Chair process but requested more time to adequately reflect and consult on the draft conclusions.

Preliminary comments included calls for a shorter, action-oriented text and suggestions to look at multiple multilaterally agreed sources as a way to facilitate consensus. The need to be responsive to the evolving situation of conflict induced food crises was also highlighted.

A revised and shortened version of the draft conclusions of the SOFI item will be circulated with a deadline of Thursday 29 August 2024 to provide feedback. Comments will be consolidated and submitted for consideration by the Friends of the Chair whose first meeting is scheduled for Friday 6 September 9:30 -11:30. An additional Friends of the Chair meeting is scheduled for 20 September 14:00 – 16:00.

The SOFI draft conclusions will be included in the agenda of the September Bureau and Advisory Group meetings.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

Mr. Francisco Anza summarized the discussion held during the first Friends of the Chair (FoC) meeting, which took place in the morning of 6 September and was chaired by the Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Miguel Jorge Garcia Winder. The constructive meeting led to the inclusion of text proposals that will serve as a basis of discussion for the upcoming second FoC meeting, scheduled for 20 September from 14:00 to 16:00.

B) III – Global Thematic Event (with Bureau decision)

The CFS Chair presented this agenda item highlighting that this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Right to Food Guidelines, therefore this will represent a key agenda item of the Plenary Session.

She also underlined that this background document (BurAG/2024/07/29/02b) contains both proposed draft conclusions as well as a *Monitoring Report* attached for ease of reference. This customary *Monitoring Report* was prepared by the Secretariat based on contributions received through the Call for Inputs through the FSN Forum (Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition) as well as the technical guidance of FAO through the Right to Food team. This report

will also be part of the background documentation for the CFS Plenary as an information document.

Several Members of the Bureau and Advisory Group proposed amendments to the text of the Draft Conclusion for Bureau consideration during the afternoon meeting.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau Members discussed the draft conclusions of this item, and considering the extent of the proposed additions, several members requested additional time to consult with capitals.

It was thus decided that the draft conclusions will be circulated by the CFS Secretariat to allow Bureau Members to submit written comments by 29 August. After this deadline, the Secretariat will circulate a revised version of the Draft Conclusions, to be finalized at an extraordinary online Bureau meeting on early September.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

This revised document of the GTE Draft Conclusions was shared with Bureau Members reflecting the comments and proposal in track changes which were received by Bureau Members by 29 August, including comments and proposals provided during the previous Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 29 July.

The Bureau Members worked on the proposed documents and approved the Draft Conclusions which are attached hereto Annex 3)

C) IV – Strengthening the impact of CFS policy products (with Bureau Decision)

The CFS Chair provided an overview of the draft decision and thanked Ms Josyline Javelosa (Philippines) and Ms Ronit Gerard (United States of America) for their leadership in coordinating this process on Strengthening the impact of CFS policy products.

A few amendments were suggested concerning paragraph 2.e that make reference to tracking the implementation of the Action Plan as well as to the ability to raise resources, monitor and evaluate activities and to provide a platform for discussion.

An additional paragraph was also suggested on the linkages between the Action Plan and international strategies towards the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved the Draft Decisions with a few amendments compared to the version originally presented.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval of the Draft Decision which was submitted for discussion with one amendment which was proposed by 29 August. The final Draft Decision is attached hereto (Annex3).

D) V - CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section (with Bureau Decision)

The CFS Chairperson introduced the updated MYPoW rolling section document underlining that it reflects changes resulting from the outcomes of this year's OEWG activities regarding section A.3.1 (In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels). Changes are also reflected in the figures related to these activities.

Some Advisory Group Members suggested editorial amendments as well as slight corrections on the revised figures presented.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau finalized the draft decision with a few amendments compared to the version originally presented.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval the Draft Decision which was finalized in July and circulated on 31 July. The final Draft Decision is attached hereto (Annex 3).

E) VI - Addressing multiple dimensions on inequalities (with Bureau Decision)

The CFS Chairperson presented this agenda item highlighting that the background document BurAG/2024/07/29/02e contains Draft Decisions – as per standard practice - for endorsement by the Plenary of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition.

She stressed the importance of finalizing the pending paragraphs **on October 7th , for 3-hour negotiation session, from 09:30 to 12:30** at FAO, to endorse this policy guidance en bloc in October.

The CFS Chairperson also took the opportunity to thank Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil) for her excellent leadership and commitment to this policy process.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved the Draft Decisions without amendments.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval of the Draft Decision which was finalized in July and circulated on 31 July. The final Draft Decision is attached hereto (Annex 3).

F) VII - Promoting food security and nutrition across the rural-urban continuum

The background document (BurAG/2024/07/29/02f) has been presented by the CFS Chairperson who made reference to the recent presentation of the HLPE-FSN Report.

She also underlined the importance of nominating a Rapporteur who has to be appointed by the Bureau in September in order to kick-off the policy convergence process for the 2024-2025 intersessional period.

Some Bureau and Advisory Group Members suggested slight amendments which were captured by the Secretariat.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved final Draft Conclusions.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval the Draft Conclusions which were finalized in July and circulated on 31 July. The final Draft Conclusions are attached hereto (Annex 3).

G) VIII - Promoting decent work in agriculture and food systems

The CFS Chairperson presented this agenda item noting that, in line with the 2024-2027 MYPoW, this year's Plenary Session also includes an item on the promotion of decent work in agriculture and food systems, which will highlight the key role of decent work in agriculture and food systems from a right to food perspective, and provide relevant stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss potential synergies and complementarities between CFS and the International Labour Organization (ILO) policy convergence work, specifically the recently endorsed "Policy Guidelines for the Promotion of Decent Work in the Agri-food Sector" developed by ILO.

She underlined that the background document (Doc No: BurAG/2024/07/29/02g) contains both some proposed draft conclusions for consideration, as well as an *Information Note* for ease of reference.

Some Advisory Group Members suggested the inclusions of three additional paragraphs for Bureau consideration during the afternoon meeting.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved the Draft Conclusion with the addition of two paragraphs. A third proposed paragraph related to the work carried out by the coalition on "*Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems*" was included in brackets under the section of 'comments provided by Plenary' as it may be raised during the Plenary discussion. The final Draft Conclusions are attached hereto (Annex 3).

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval the Draft Conclusions which were finalized in July and circulated on 31 July. The final Draft Conclusions are attached hereto (Annex 3).

H) IX - Forum on the uptake of the CFS GEWE Voluntary Guidelines

The CFS Chairperson presented this agenda item (BurAG/2024/07/29/02h) underlining that this Forum on the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment – as envisaged in the 2024-2027 MYPoW – will provide an opportunity to discuss and mobilize political commitments by governments, donors, civil society, private sector, and the UN system for further promotion and implementation of these CFS Guidelines.

Some Advisory Group Members proposed a few additions to the text, specifically at the end of paragraph 2 a), and an additional paragraph for Bureau consideration in the afternoon.

Bureau decision (29 July):

The Bureau approved the draft conclusions with a few amendments compared to the version originally presented.

Extraordinary Bureau meeting. Bureau decision (6 Sept):

The Bureau confirmed the approval of the Draft Conclusions which were finalized in July and circulated on 31 July. The final Draft Conclusions are attached hereto (Annex 3).

3. CFS 52 Guide (with Bureau Discussion)

The CFS Chairperson introduced the updated CFS 52 Guide informing that this will be continuously updated with the latest information until CFS 52 begins.

She also encouraged Delegations to include senior-level officials, such as Ministers, Vice Ministers, or State Secretaries (or their equivalents), and to inform the CFS Secretariat accordingly as soon as possible.

Lastly, the CFS Chair informed Bureau and Advisory Group Members that a fully virtual preparatory briefing on the CFS 52 Plenary organization and sessions will be organized between September and October – final data and time will be communicated by the Secretariat as a SAVE the DATE. This Information will also be shared through the FAO Members Gateway webpage.

Some Bureau and Advisory Group Members requested for more information regarding the side events envisaged for CFS 52. The CFS secretary thanked the interest shown in the CFS side events underlining that more than 200 applications were received. It was also clarified that a final selection of 40 side events, including invitation for potential mergers, will be communicated soon by the CFS Secretariat.

Bureau discussion:

Not additional information was shared compared to the briefing of morning session.

4. HLPE-FSN Issues Paper – Conflict-induced acute food crises: potential policy responses in light of current emergencies

Given its interlinkages and implications with item II b (SOFI 2024) of the CFS 52 Provisional Agenda, this agenda item was presented and discussed earlier under agenda item 2 A.

5. Workstream Updates including the CFS budget (with Bureau Discussion)

The CFS Chairperson noted that document BurAG/2024/07/29/05a has been shared with Bureau and Advisory Group Members for their information on recent activities within the workstreams as well as on the Chair’s engagements and travels. She further highlighted the upcoming second biannual meeting within the workstream on “Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation” scheduled for the afternoon of September 5th, in preparation of which a concept note had been circulated to Bureau and Advisory Group Members.

The Chair further explained that an update on the CFS Budget would be shared at the next Bureau meeting in September and confirmed that Bureau Members may express their preferences for the frequency of regular budget updates.

Bureau discussion

No additional information was shared compared to the morning session.

6. Any Other Business (with Bureau Discussion)

The CFS Chairperson drew the Bureau and Advisory Group members’ attention to the summary of the outcomes of the Policies Against Hunger Conference, which were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Moreover, the CFS Chair shared updates with Bureau and Advisory Group Members concerning the new CFS motto on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Following the last Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in May, the most supported motto “50 Years of CFS: Acting Together for Zero Hunger” was shared with all Bureau and Advisory Group Members. Comments were received suggesting the inclusion of the concept of nutrition as well as freedom from hunger rather than ‘Zero Hunger’.

The CFS Chairperson proposed a final compromised solution which was supported by the Bureau and Advisory Group Members: ***“50 Years of CFS: Acting Together for a world free from hunger and malnutrition”***

Lastly, the CSIPM emphasized the importance of including producers and those most affected by poverty, inequalities, and malnutrition in policy making processes, and expressed appreciation for the support provided by FAO and IFAD. They also stressed the importance of FAO support to facilitate obtaining visas for Coordination Committee members, especially from the Global South, ensuring balanced representation in the CFS processes.

Bureau discussion

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

Annex 1: Attendance list Bureau and Advisory Group meeting (29 July)

CFS Bureau Members:

Ambassador Nosipho Jezile (Chair), Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Emile Butoyi (Burundi); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Mr Michel Leveque (France); Mr Yousef Juhail (Kuwait); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Danielle Maniscalco (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Claudia Gonzáles Toledo (Cuba); Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Ms Erma Rheindrayani, Mr Purna Cita Nugraha (Indonesia); Mr Abdelaziz Zidani (Morocco); Ms Ingrid H. Dana (Norway); Ms Catalina Constantin, Ms Larisa Petre (Romania); Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Ms Pathumwadee Imtour (Thailand).

Advisory Group:

Ms Dubravka Bojic, Mr Guenter Hemrich, Ms Anna Rappazzo (FAO); Ms Elena Bertusi (IFAD); Mr Jacopo Valentini, Ms Shannon Howard, Ms Abigail Perry, Ms Alessandra Mora, Ms Fatiha Terki (WFP); Ms Trudy Wijnhoven (UN Nutrition); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Ms Ludovica Donati (PFM); Ms Paola De Meo (Special Rapporteur Right to Food); Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Sama Zia, Ms Giulia Simula, Ms Dee Woods, Ms Taina Headman, Ms Lola Rolland, Ms Charlotte Dreger (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM).

Observers:

Ms Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann (Chair HLPE-FSN StC), Mr Iain Wright, Ms Hilal Elver, Mr Rachid Serraj, Mr Sayed Azam-Ali, Mr Mahmud Duwayri, Ms Cecilia Elizondo (HLPE-FSN StC); Mr Clemens Wirbel (Germany); Ms Efrosyni Mita (Greece).

Support to the CFS Chairperson: Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Adriana Herrera Moreno, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Mr Marco Marzano, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Carolin Busch, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Valentina Delle Fratte, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Nicoletta Lalla, Ms Marina Calvino.
Ms Paola Termine (HLPE-FSN Coordinator a.i.); Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

Annex 2: Attendance list Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Ambassador Nosipho Jezile (Chair), Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Mr Michel Leveque (France); Mr Balaji Jujjavarapu (India); Mr Yousef Juhail, Mr Massimo Ziad Ammar, Mr Salahuddin Al Bazzaz (Kuwait); Mr Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran (Nigeria); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Danielle Maniscalco (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten De Groot (Canada); Ms Claudia Gonzáles Toledo (Cuba); Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Ms Erma Rheindrayani, Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Ms Rini Indiyati (Indonesia); Mr Abdelaziz Zidani (Morocco); Ms Ingrid H. Dana (Norway); Ms Catalina Constantin (Romania); Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Ms Pathumwadee Imtour (Thailand).

Observers:

Mr Clemens Wirbel (Germany); Ms Efrosyni Mita (Greece); Ms Liliána Kaszás, Mr Zoltán Kálmán, Mr Zsolt Belanzsky, Ms Loretta Kósa (Hungary).

Support to the CFS Chairperson: Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa)

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Adriana Herrera Moreno, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Mr Marco Marzano, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Carolin Busch, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Valentina Delle Fratte, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Nicoletta Lalla, Ms Marina Calvino;
Ms Paola Termine (HLPE-FSN Coordinator a.i.); Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

Annex 2b: Attendance list Extraordinary Bureau Meeting (6 Sept)

CFS Bureau Members:

Ambassador Nosipho Jezile (Chair), Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Mr Michel Leveque (France); Mr Yousef Juhail (Kuwait); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Danielle Maniscalco (USA), Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina), Mr Yousef Juhail (Kuwait), Mr Emile Butoy (Burundi).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Claudia Gonzáles Toledo (Cuba); Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Ms Erma Rheindrayani, Mr Purna Cita Nugraha (Indonesia); Mr Abdelaziz Zidani (Morocco); Ms Ingrid H. Dana (Norway); Ms Catalina Constantin, Ms Catalina Constantin (Romania); Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Ms Pathumwadee Imtour (Thailand), Mr Marteen De groot (Canada), Ms Ruth Mallett (Australia), Ms Ludovica Donati (Italy).

Support to the CFS Chairperson: Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Adriana Herrera Moreno, Ms Fatiha Terki, Mr Marco Marzano, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Carolin Busch, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Raquel Morato, Ms Valentina Delle Fratte, Ms Eleonora Viotti, Ms Paola Termine (HLPE-FSN Coordinator a.i.), Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN Secretariat)

Annex 3 - Draft Conclusions and Decisions

2 A):

[draft shared with Bureau and Advisory Group Members by the CFS Secretariat for written comments by 29 August, and further discussion during Friends of the Chair 6 September and 20 September]

II. b STRENGTHENING COORDINATED POLICY RESPONSES TO THE FOOD CRISIS – THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2024

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee:

- a) Welcomes the collaboration between FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on the 2024 report on the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI);
- b) Expresses deep concern over the current global food security crisis, with the global prevalence of undernourishment that is persisting at nearly the same level for three consecutive years after having risen sharply in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic with an estimated 28.9 percent of the global population – 2.33 billion people – who were moderately or severely food insecure in 2023, and the evident inequalities, with low-income countries having the largest percentage of the population that is unable to afford a healthy diet;
- d) Emphasizes the need for a common definition of financing for food security and nutrition, and methods for its tracking, measurement and implementation, as an important first step towards sustainably increasing the financing flows needed to end hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition, as financing and financial inclusion are key means of implementation of the SDGs, and to ensure access to healthy diets for all;
- e) Endorses the call for improving the availability, accessibility and adequacy of financial flows data, and to consider it as a global public good, which will enhance transparency and targeting of financing towards countries most in need;
- f) Calls on leveraging the convening power of the CFS in advancing a shared understanding of financing for food security and nutrition and its mapping, particularly in the context of the workstream “Strengthening responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition”;
- g) Takes note of the Issues Paper on “Conflict-induced acute food crises: potential policy responses in light of current emergencies” produced by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security

and Nutrition, including its overview of immediate, medium term and long-term responses to famine;

h) Recalls the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA) and its relevant application, including in the context of the humanitarian peace-development (HDP) nexus, and in the important technical role of the Rome-based Agencies, in assessing and addressing, within their mandates, the impact of all ongoing conflicts on food security and nutrition, while noting Members’ interventions on this matter;

i) Welcomes the creation of a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, under Brazil’s G20 presidency, and looks forward to its launch at the G20 Leaders’ Summit in November 2024 to support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs.

j) Encourages broad participation of all stakeholders in the Alliance and close collaboration with the CFS, taking into consideration CFS’s role on providing guidance and inputs to Members on matters related to the progressive realization of the right to food and the eradication of hunger and all forms of malnutrition.

2 B):

GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON ADVANCING THE UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Global Thematic Event, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security (Right to Food Guidelines), takes stock of the use and application of the Guidelines. It reflects on the progress made over the past 20 years, highlights best practices and lessons learned, while also identifying remaining challenges and paving the way for further action towards the realization of the right to adequate food. The event is opened by the CFS Chair, followed by a keynote speech by XXX.
2. The panel on the use and application of the Right to Food Guidelines is composed of:
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3. The Committee:

- a. welcomes the CFS 52 Global Thematic Event as an important opportunity to reflect on the past 20 years of implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the right to food in support of Member Nations' efforts to achieve the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and recognizes that the Right to Food Guidelines are fundamental, and at the core of the CFS;
- b. takes note of the overview provided in document CFS 2024/52/Inf.20 "Monitoring CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security: Secretariat's analysis of the contributions received";
- c. underlines the importance of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security as reflected in the vision of the reformed CFS to "strive 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"
- d. reiterates the objective of the Guidelines aimed at guiding countries and other stakeholders in developing and adopting a wide range of measures with a human rights-based approach to food security to guarantee the availability of food in quantity and quality sufficient to satisfy the dietary needs of individuals; physical and economic accessibility for everyone, including vulnerable groups, to adequate, safe, affordable and nutritious food, and acceptable within a given culture; or the means of its procurement; and underscores the importance of the full implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food
- e. recognizes that the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food - since their adoption in 2004 - have been utilized at global, national, and local levels, with coordinated effort applied by CFS Members, Participants, Observers, the CFS Secretariat and other CFS stakeholders, and with the critical support of the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), to ensure their dissemination and application in various contexts;
- f. acknowledges and reflects on the role of the Right to Food Guidelines in the progress made towards the advancement of the normative framework on the right to adequate food since their adoption;
- g. recognizes that 20 years after the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food they remain an essential tool to support CFS members in promoting the progressive realization of the right to adequate food, and that there is a need to strengthen right to food-oriented actions and accountability, based on human rights principles, to drive positive impact to enhance food security and nutrition for all;
- h. encourages additional efforts to promote a broader and systematic dissemination, use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food by all stakeholders at all levels to contribute to the progressive realization of the right to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger;
- i. recognizes the need to strengthen collaboration between the RBAs and wider UN-system including the UN Office on Human Rights in order to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food;

- j. encourages Member States to integrate the right to food into their domestic policies, international cooperation efforts and development assistance, and underlines the importance of monitoring progress on a national basis, sharing best practices, and promoting accountability towards the progressive realization of the right to adequate food;
- k. Takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:
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2 C):

ACTION PLAN TO STRENGTHEN THE UPTAKE OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS

DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers documents CFS/2024/52/5 “Action Plan to strengthen the uptake of CFS policy products” and CFS/2024/52/6 “Action Plan to strengthen the uptake of CFS policy products – Draft Decision”, as presented by Ms Josyline Javelosa (Philippines) and Ms Ronit Gerard (United States of America), Co-Rapporteurs of this workstream.
2. The Committee:
 - a) Endorses document CFS/2024/52/5 “Action Plan to strengthen the uptake of CFS policy products” as an important instrument that presents a variety of actions that CFS stakeholders should take in order to strengthen the usefulness, ownership, awareness and use of CFS policy products;
 - b) Expresses its deepest appreciation for the effective leadership of the Co-Rapporteurs and commends the work of the Open-Ended Working Group that led to successful finalization of the Action Plan;
 - c) Welcomes the keynote intervention of Ms Klemen Gamboa, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Food of Guatemala, on the importance of strengthening efforts and developing concrete actions to promote the use of CFS policy products at all levels;
 - d) Underlines the collective responsibility of all CFS stakeholders in strengthening the uptake of CFS policy products which requires joint efforts and close collaboration among different actors, such as the UN Rome-based Agencies;
 - e) Calls on all CFS stakeholders to take concrete steps in implementing the recommendations included in this Action Plan, when appropriate, including tracking outcomes and raising resources for its implementation, in line with its nature as a guide and starting point for a living process that draws on different experiences, practices and actions;

- f) Emphasizes that the Action Plan encourages mainstreaming CFS policy products and strengthening linkages with international strategies and initiatives, as appropriate, in the context of food security and nutrition;
- g) Notes that the implementation of the Action Plan will be based on the availability of the required budgetary and extrabudgetary resources and encourages CFS stakeholders to mobilize adequate financial, technical and human resources for its implementation and to increase the capacity of all relevant actors to use CFS policy products.

2 D):

**CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 UPDATE OF THE ROLLING SECTION¹ –
WITH DRAFT DECISION**

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee:

- a. endorses document CFS 2024/52/7 “CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decision”, as presented by CFS Chairperson H.E. Ambassador Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile;
- b. notes that the full implementation of the MYPoW 2024-2027 will be contingent upon sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, in accordance with document CFS 2018/45/3;
- c. strongly encourages the three Rome-based Agencies to honor their verbal agreement to share equally the costs of the CFS Secretariat budget, through either cash or in-kind contributions, as a symbol of joint ownership and shared commitment to the Committee via effective Rome-based Agency collaboration;
- d. requests the CFS Secretariat to update the [CFS Resource Mobilization](#) and [CFS Communication](#) Strategies, as per section B.1. of the CFS 2024-2027 Multi Year Programme of Work (CFS 2023/51/7);
- e. requests the Chairperson and CFS Secretariat to continue their efforts to expand and diversify the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector, and financial institutions;

¹ In line with the provisions of Annex B of the CFS Implementation Report on the new MYPoW structure and process (CFS 2018/45/3), endorsed at CFS 45, annual updates of the rolling section of the MYPoW will be prepared by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, and presented to the Plenary for consideration and endorsement. These are intended to reflect the Plenary decisions, consider possible adjustment, and review the implementation of the MYPoW. The updates will be carried out taking into account resource and workload implications.

- f. emphasizes the application of the Rome-based Agencies’ safeguards against potential conflict of interest regarding CFS funding.

As an outcome of the work carried out during the 2023-2024 intersessional period, text concerning Activity A.3.1. of CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 (CFS 2023/51/7) will be replaced with the following:

A.3.1: In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels

Process:

Following the identification of a Rapporteur among CFS Members, the Bureau and its Advisory Group will define a workplan and timeline for the in-depth debate to take place during the 2023-2024 intersessional period. An Open-Ended Working Group, open to interested CFS Members and Participants, will be established to discuss and prepare the Action Plan that will be presented for consideration and endorsement by the Plenary at CFS 52.

Activities in progress carried out in the 2024-2027 period under the Action Plan include, based on the availability of extrabudgetary resources: (i) outreach and awareness to improve CFS visibility, (ii) the preparation of an uptake toolkit providing indications on how interested stakeholders can promote the use of CFS policy products; (iii) setting-up a digital repository on the use of CFS policy products at all levels; (iv) mapping of existing national and regional multistakeholder platforms in the field of food security and nutrition; (v) a compilation by the HLPE-FSN of key elements from CFS policy products to identify gaps and guide future actions towards the progressive realization of the right to adequate food and the transformation of agriculture and food systems. In line with activities envisaged under section B.1. of this document (Communications, outreach and resource mobilization), the 2020-2023 CFS Communication and Resource Mobilization Strategies will be updated to include, among other elements, the dissemination and promotion of CFS policy products to relevant target audiences by the Secretariat as outlined in the Action Plan, strategic engagements to improve alignment with other UN processes and improve visibility globally and in regions.

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group will track the implementation of the Action Plan while the CFS Chairperson will continue to advocate for the use of CFS policy products. Informal intersessional uptake dialogues will be organized and dedicated regular items in Plenary will be held to discuss progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products at all levels.

Additional extra-budgetary resources:

Item	Cost estimate (USD)
Costs associated with OEWG activities in 2023-2024: preparation of background documents and draft Action Plan	50,000
Costs associated with the development of the uptake toolkit	70,000

Costs associated with the development of the CFS communication strategy (to include outreach activities- visibility cannot be achieved on basis of soft ware, Secretariat to coordinate with regions or interface through dedicated missions)	20,000
Costs associated with the development of a digital repository	100,000
Costs associated with the mapping of existing national and regional multistakeholder platforms	80,000
Costs associated with the compilation of key elements from CFS policy products	60,000
Costs associated with the outreach by the CFS Chairperson and Secretariat.	To be determined
Total cost (USD)	380,000

The following overview table of estimated extra-budgetary costs reflects updates related to Activity A.3.1.

OVERVIEW OF ESTIMATED EXTRA-BUDGETARY COSTS

Estimated extra-budgetary costs					
A. Thematic workstreams	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
A.1.1. The progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security: Actions towards 2030	50,000	100,000			150,000
A.1.2. The role and rights of agriculture and food systems workers	50,000				50,000
A.1.3. Strengthening responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition		100,000	50,000		150,000
A.1.4. Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation	60,000	110,000	60,000	60,000	290,000
A.2.1. Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition	250,000				250,000
A.2.2. Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation		250,000			250,000

A.2.3. Building resilient food systems			250,000		250,000
A.2.4. Preserving, strengthening and promoting Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems and traditional practices for sustainable food systems				250,000	250,000
A.2.5. Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition					(In 2028)
A.3.1. In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels	50,000	380,000			430,000
A.3.3. Forum on the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition	30,000				30,000
SUBTOTAL (Thematic workstreams)	490,000	560,000	360,000	310,000	2,100,000
B. Supporting activities					
B.1. Communications, outreach and resource mobilization					Included in workstreams/supporting activities
B.2. Linkages with other relevant global processes/institutions	125,000	75,000	125,000	75,000	400,000
B.3. CFS Engagement in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Geneva, New York, regions)					Included in the core budget
B.4. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2028-2031					Included in the core budget
SUBTOTAL (Supporting Activities)	125,000	75,000	125,000	75,000	400,000
TOTAL	615,000	635,000	485,000	385,000	2,500,000

2 E):

CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDUCING INEQUALITIES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

4. The Committee considers document CFS 2024/52/8 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” and CFS 2024/52/9 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition - Draft Decision”, as presented by Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil), Rapporteur of the policy convergence process.
5. The Committee:
 - e. endorses document CFS 2024/52/8 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” as an action-oriented, inter-governmentally agreed, voluntary and non-binding, global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards improving food security and nutrition policies and actions;
 - f. expresses its deepest appreciation for the effective leadership of the Rapporteur, and commends the work of the HLPE-FSN to prepare the report on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition”;
 - g. welcomes the keynote intervention by [...], on the importance of addressing the drivers of FSN inequalities in agriculture and food systems in order to achieve food security and nutrition for all;
 - h. calls on all CFS stakeholders to support and promote the dissemination, use, and application of the Policy Recommendations at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, also recalling the recommendations indicated within the “Action Plan to strengthen the uptake of CFS policy products”;
 - i. encourages all stakeholders to share commitments and document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share progress and experiences with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee - which is based on the principles of participation, transparency, and accountability;
 - j. recommends that FAO, WFP and IFAD, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, continue assisting Members in strengthening their capacity to apply the Policy Recommendations, addressing the immediate and systemic drivers of inequalities in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security;
 - k. decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding implementation and supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII,

paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;

- l. decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to encourage wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- m. agrees to include the Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).

2 F):

STRENGTHENING URBAN AND PERI-URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE CONTEXT OF URBANIZATION AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Ms Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann, Chairperson of the HLPE-FSN Steering Committee, introduces the HLPE-FSN report on “*Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition, in the context of urbanization and rural transformation*”. Ms Jane Battersby, HLPE-FSN Project Team Leader, presents the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE-FSN report.
2. The Committee:
 - a) Acknowledges with appreciation the work of the HLPE-FSN to prepare the report on “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition, in the context of urbanization and rural transformation” and the presentations made by Ms Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann, and Ms Jane Battersby, on the main policy relevant evidence included in the report;
 - b) Recalls the provisions contained in section A.2.2. (Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation) of the Thematic and Rolling Sections of the CFS MYPoW 2024-2027;
 - c) Recognizes the importance of an inclusive process, open to all interested stakeholders, leading to the preparation of an agreed set of recommendations to be presented to the Committee for endorsement at CFS 53 in October 2025;
 - d) Welcomes the nomination of [...] as Rapporteur of the policy convergence process;

e) Takes note of the following comments, initiatives and experiences shared in the plenary discussion:

- i. [...]
- ii. [...]

2 G):

PROMOTING DECENT WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The session highlights the importance of agriculture and food systems in creating decent and productive jobs, as well as the importance of harnessing this potential to achieve sustainable development and contribute to the realization of the right to adequate food.

The panel is moderated by Christine Campeau, Global Policy Director, Food and Nutrition Systems at CARE, and a keynote presentation by XXX, International Labour Organization (ILO) on the ILO policy guidelines on *Promotion of Decent Work in Agrifood Sector* and their synergies and complementarities with the CFS policy instruments.

The panel is composed of:

- XXX (representative from Asia and the Pacific) TBC
- XXX (representative from Africa) TBC
- Svetlana Boincean, Agricultural Coordinator, International Union of Food workers (IUF), CSIPM representative
- Chris Hogg, Global Head of Public Affairs (VP), Nestle, PSM representative

2. The Committee:

- a) Welcomes the Plenary session on “*Promoting Decent Work in Agriculture and Food Systems*” recognizing its critical role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;
- b) Takes note of the overview provided in the document CFS 2024/52/inf.23 “*Promoting Decent Work in Agriculture and Food Systems – Information Note*”;
- c) Highlights that: i) access to employment is a key element to consider for hunger and poverty reduction; ii) taking measures to encourage sustainable development to provide opportunities for work that foster adequate remuneration allowing for an adequate standard of living for rural and urban wage earners and their families is critical to achieve food security and nutrition;

- d) Recognizes that several CFS policy instruments refer to the importance of developing and strengthening policies that create and safeguard decent work opportunities for people in agriculture and food systems to support their wellbeing, while contributing the realization of human rights, by implementing existing global policy and human rights instruments, including the ILO fundamental conventions;
- e) Takes note of the adoption in 2023 of the ILO Policy Guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agri-food sector, setting out common principles and the policy framework to guide action to advance full and productive employment and decent work in the sector as an essential part of efforts aimed at building sustainable food systems and emphasizing the need for an integrated and coordinated approach at various levels and the involvement of a wide range of actors;
- f) Recognizes the role of the CFS through its convening power in fostering the discussion among different stakeholders on ways of strengthening synergies and complementarities between relevant policy agreements of the CFS and the ILO, among others, and their implementation, as part of the policy convergence work.
- g) Takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:
 - i. [Recognizes the work of the Coalition on “Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems” that was launched during the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and CARE International, aiming at promoting constructive solutions and support actions towards “advancing equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities”];
 - ii. XXX
 - iii. XXX

2 H):

**FORUM ON UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY
AND WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD
SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee:

- a) Welcomes the discussion on the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition to mobilize political commitments by governments and all relevant stakeholders for further promotion, implementation, and application of these Voluntary Guidelines in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food for all, while emphasizing that gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment is one of the central elements of the mandate of the CFS.
- b) Acknowledges plans and ideas concerning the uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines, recognizes their role as a useful tool in the hands of policy makers and development partners and highlights the importance of different actors and coordination mechanisms in promoting their uptake.
- c) Looks forward to the celebration in 2025 of the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and welcomes the resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly to declare 2026 as International Year of the Woman Farmer, as initiatives that can create an enabling environment for the promotion and the uptake and use of the Voluntary Guidelines.

2. The session is opened by [a presentation on the Guidelines/keynote interventions TBC] by [...], followed by a panel discussion moderated by [...]. The panel is made up of:

- [...]
- [...]
- [...]

3. The Committee takes note of the following comments provided in plenary:

- a) [...]
- b) [...]
- c) [...]
- d) [...]