

CFS Bureau meeting

Date: 31 October 2025

Time: 12:00 – 14:00

Hybrid meeting (German Room and Zoom Platform)

**Bureau Meeting Outcomes -
With Bureau Decision**

Agenda

1. Introduction of the new CFS Chairperson, Bureau members and Alternates
2. Election of the CFS Vice-Chairperson
3. Composition of the CFS Advisory Group
4. Any Other Business

The CFS Chairperson, Professor Anas Al-Nabulsi, welcomed the new Bureau Members and congratulated all participants on the successful completion of CFS 53.

He highlighted the significant role of the Bureau and the strategic importance of the intersessional period leading up to CFS 54.

The Chairperson presented the provisional agenda, which was adopted without amendments.

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

1. Introduction of the new CFS Chairperson, Bureau members and Alternates

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the CFS Members for their support, underlining that it is an honour to serve the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in his current capacity, renewing his commitment to advancing the CFS mission.

He emphasized that the success of CFS relies on the active engagement and collaboration of all stakeholders – Member Countries, the UN system, civil society, the private sector, philanthropic foundations, and research and financial institutions, supported by the dedicated work of the CFS Secretariat. He reaffirmed the essential role of Bureau members and Alternates in ensuring that the Committee continues to deliver meaningful results.

The Chairperson provided an overview of the main activities and workstreams foreseen for the intersessional year.

Bureau Members welcomed the newly elected Chairperson and reiterated their full support to the Committee. Following the valuable feedback shared by Members during the CFS 53 Plenary Session, several priority areas for intersessional work were highlighted:

- **Preserving and revitalizing CFS:** Bureau Members reaffirmed the unique and inclusive nature of CFS as a UN body whose work is informed by scientific evidence. It provides space for dialogue with the Private Sector Mechanism, the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism, Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism, academia and others. In addition, they also emphasized CFS's unique role in global food security and nutrition governance, and the importance of positioning CFS within the framework of the Secretary-General's UN 80 Initiative;
- **Strengthening collaboration with the Rome-Based Agencies (RBAs):** Bureau Members emphasized the pivotal role of the RBAs and the need to enhance coordination and dialogue. Bureau Members also recognized their co-shared responsibility to reinforce CFS's visibility and position it in global policy fora and the respective RBAs governing bodies;
- **Ensuring sustainable resources:** Bureau Members acknowledged that current global resource constraints pose a real challenge particularly for UN agencies but stressed that the financial sustainability of CFS should be maintained. It was stressed that any budgetary decisions taken by the RBAs affecting the financial sustainability of CFS be discussed with the Bureau Members.

- **Enhancing participation in policy convergence processes:** Larger Members' engagement during the policy convergence processes should be promoted as it would increase ownership and facilitate implementation of CFS policy products at country level. Bureau Members suggested that ways to strengthen stakeholders and countries' participation could be further discussed at future CFS meetings;
- **Strengthening the uptake of CFS policy products at country level:** Bureau Members expressed interest in holding regular exchanges on ways to promote CFS uptake workstream. RBAs are encouraged in integrating CFS policy products into their country-level work, to enhance linkages and synergies with relevant country institutions and initiatives, and to better track and disseminate results;
- **Early preparation of the 2028–2031 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW):** it was suggested that discussions on the next MYPoW should begin early, maintaining clear prioritization while taking into account budgetary constraints, capacity and timing considerations;
- **Linkages with ICARRD+20 (2026):** Bureau Members acknowledged the relevance of ICARRD+20, which aligns closely with the CFS vision and particularly the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT). It was noted that its outcomes should be reflected in the CFS 54 Final Report.

Overall, Bureau Members expressed broad support for strengthening and revitalizing CFS. In this regard, it was proposed that an informal retreat or in-depth discussion be organized, building on the [2009 CFS Reform Document](#), [the 2017 Independent Evaluation of CFS](#) and the [CFS Evaluation Report: implementation of the response to the evaluation](#), to develop a concrete strategy and common roadmap aimed at strengthening the Committee's role in global governance of food security and nutrition.

2. Election of the CFS Vice-Chairperson

The CFS Chairperson introduced the agenda item by recalling that the Bureau is expected to elect a Vice-Chairperson among its Members, on the basis of individual qualifications. He noted that the Vice-Chairperson shall serve the same two-year term as the Chairperson, until the election of a new Chairperson at CFS 55.

The CFS Bureau elected from among its Members a Vice-Chairperson, Ambassador Jhenifer Mojica Flórez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Agencies in Rome, for the same biannual term of office as the Chairperson of the Committee.

3. Composition of the CFS Advisory Group

The CFS Chairperson introduced this agenda item by underlining that the Advisory Group is one of the pillars of the CFS Reform, and that its inputs and advice is extremely important during the biennium to accomplish the work of the Bureau.

The CFS Bureau agreed to keep the composition of its Advisory Group unchanged. In light of this decision, the agreed composition of the Advisory Group includes:

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS (PERMANENT SEAT)

1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
2. World Food Programme (WFP);
3. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

AD-HOC PARTICIPANTS

1. World Health Organization (WHO);
2. UN Nutrition;
3. UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food;
4. World Bank;
5. Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM);
6. Private Sector Mechanism (PSM);
7. Philanthropic Foundation Mechanism (PFM);
8. Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR);
9. World Farmers' Organization (WFO).

Reference was also made to the importance of strengthening the collaboration with Parliamentarians and their networks, specifically their contribution, promotion and implementation of CFS voluntary guidelines and policy recommendations.

4. Any Other Business

The Chairperson encouraged Bureau Members to regularly consult the CFS website and its calendar section to remain informed about upcoming meetings and events, in addition to the calendar invitations and Save the Date notices circulated by the Secretariat.

He also informed Bureau Members that the first joint meeting of the new Bureau Members and its Advisory Group meetings is scheduled for 8 December 2025, immediately following the FAO Council.

Members were also invited to refer to the workplan of the Policy Convergence Process on Building Resilient Food Systems, which has been approved by the Bureau. The Chairperson announced that the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) under this process will take place on 17 December 2025. Further information will be shared in due course, and Bureau Members were encouraged to register on the CFS mailing list via the CFS website to receive updates on this workstream.

Annex 1: Attendance list Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau Members: Prof. Anas Al-Nabulsi (Jordan); Mr Luiz Andrade De Souza, Ms Tatiana Bustamante (Brazil); Mr Ivo Mouskourov (Bulgaria); Mr LI Hanghao (China); Ambassador Jhenifer Mojica Flórez, Ms Laura Quintero Buritica, Mr Jaime Andres Gnecco Daza (Colombia); Mr Michel Leveque (France); Mr Jujjavarupu Balaji (India); Ambassador Raed Al Thukair (Saudi Arabia); Ms Jemina Moeng (South Africa).

CFS Bureau Alternates: Ms Zaida Acosta (Dominican Republic); Ms Erma Rheindrayani (Indonesia); Mr Salah Albazzaz (Kuwait); Ambassador Francisco Ameglio, Ms Estefani Lewis (Panama); Ms Maria Cătălina Constantin (Romania); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Pathumwadee Imtour (Thailand); Ms Nadia Kasraoui (Tunisia); Dr Nkumbu Nalwimba (Zambia).

Observers: Ms Ioulia Drossinou (European Union).

CFS Secretariat: Ms Adriana Herrera Moreno (CFS Secretary), Ms Fatiha Terki, Mr Lorenz Franken, Mr Marco Marzano de Marinis, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Carlotta Cramer, Mr Riccardo Mazzucchelli, Ms Marina Calvino, Mr Kennedy Kariuki, Ms Valentina Delle Fratte, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Sylvia Orebi, Ms Eleonora Viotti (CFS Secretariat); Mr Alexandre Meybeck (HLPE-FSN Coordinator), Ms Paola Termine, Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).