

MEETINGS UNDER THE CFS WORKSTREAM ON COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE

I. Background

Recalling the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 approved at CFS 51 includes a thematic workstream on “Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation”. (MYPoW A.1.4)

II. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to build upon the discussions held with the Bureau and Advisory Group members on 25 January 2024, and to inform the further planning and implementation of the 2024 meetings, as outlined in this Thematic Workstream.

III. Key consideration and further details on the implementation

Key considerations informing this document and shaping the meetings in 2024 in the context of A.1.4 are:

- A scaled approach to strengthening synergies of this thematic workstream during its four-year life cycle with other initiatives, including the Uptake Workstream.
- Maintaining efficiency and relevance, mindful of the workload and timeframe of the activities planned. Aligning meetings and events including with partners to optimize participation and impact of efforts.
- Inclusive and open dialogues at all levels, inclusive of stakeholders with a focus on the most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.
- The 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (RTFG).

Detailing the establishment of a Technical Task Team as foreseen in the MYPoW, the TTT contributes to the process of this work and includes members as per past practices and in line with the MYPoW A.1.4.

Meeting One: A 90-minute, hybrid, moderated multi-stakeholder interactive session focusing on the topic of "Examining Emerging Food Crisis: Taking Stock" at the margins of the Bureau and Advisory group meetings in May of 2024 is proposed.

This session is intended to facilitate an in-depth discussion among various CFS stakeholders, on the multifaceted dimension of the current food crisis anchored in the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

The session will be structured to maximize engagement and productivity: after an introductory overview, participants will be divided into breakout groups, each tasked with examining specific questions. These groups will then report their findings to the larger meeting, catalyzing a dialogue.

This approach aims to harness the collective expertise and perspectives of all participants, contributing to a well-rounded debate. To optimize knowledge exchange during the four-year life of this workstream, this meeting will begin to help identify knowledge gaps and synergies, as well as overlaps among multiple key stakeholders and active global actors in this area of work. Participation in this session will be encouraged for global actors including but not limited to the World Bank (host of the Global Alliance for Food Security GAFS Dashboard), Global Network Against Food Crisis Chairs, and the Rio Convention Secretariats.

Meeting Two: For July of 2024, a strategic dialogue session, taking place at an alternative major UN location, is proposed: a 90-minute, high-level dialogue addressing "Policy Coordination and Collaborative Governance for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation: Enhancing Resilience to Shocks and Stresses".

This session, informed by the advice of the planned Technical Task Team, is proposed to address the intricate challenges of global food security, exacerbated by ongoing food crises, through a unified lens of policy coordination and collaborative governance. The aim is to convene a wide array of stakeholders, creating a comprehensive platform for dialogue on sustainable agriculture and food systems transformation.

This high-level dialogue will maintain discussion format to ensure a focused exchange of ideas and strategies. A moderated discussion among all participants, encouraging a dynamic exchange on innovative governance models, policy alignment, and strategies to bolster resilience within global food systems against shocks and stresses is foreseen.

The outcomes of these meetings will be captured in a summary report and contribute to informing the CFS 52 Plenary debate on the "State of the Food Security and Nutrition in the world". (MYPoW A.1.4)

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