

Follow up on the workstream on “Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation”

During the last Bureau and Advisory Group meetings on 24 September, the Vice-Chairperson presented the main elements of the Chair’s summary report on the two meetings under this workstream in 2024, including a (non-exhaustive) list of topics for future meetings. It was agreed that these would be prioritized in collaboration with the Bureau and Advisory Group soon after CFS 52.

The technical task team established for this workstream is expected to prepare a detailed plan concerning the next steps of the process.

With reference to the selection of the topics of the next two annual meetings, many different ideas and proposals have been put forward by CFS stakeholders. These include:

- conflict, peacebuilding and the right to adequate food
- inflation and high cost of living vs. economic access to food
- biodiversity loss
- climate change
- the debt crisis
- sustainable financing for food security and nutrition
- global trade systems
- sustainable management of water resources
- rising inequalities
- unilateral coercive measures
- diversification of diets and cropping patterns
- collaboration at the sub-national level
- information and data for crisis response and management

In order to facilitate the work of the technical task team, the following selection criteria – which were mentioned in the Summary Report presented at CFS 52 - have been proposed for the prioritization of topics:

- The extent to which the topics address the structural causes of food insecurity and malnutrition.
- The potential for linking the CFS to other relevant international and UN institutions, fora and initiatives, including the timing and location of other events;
- The extent to which the topics are relevant for the most affected countries and constituencies.

Views and comments from members on these criteria as well as on selected the topics are expected to be provided by Bureau and Advisory Group members at the meeting on 8 November 2024.