

CFS 53 DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

An overview of the 53rd Plenary Session of CFS

The Plenary will begin with opening statements by UN high-level representatives followed by the presentation of the Report “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2025”, a panel discussion comprising regional perspectives on this year's SOFI theme (TBC), and the presentation of the CFS summary report on Collaborative Governance. Four parallel satellite sessions will be held during lunchtime with the objective of stimulating interactive dialogues on existing and potential partnerships between CFS and relevant international initiatives and on how to make the best use of the CFS multistakeholder platform and its evidence-based policy products to promote food security and nutrition. While these sessions will not be part of the CFS 53 Provisional Agenda, their outcomes will be reported back to the Plenary by Rapporteurs identified within the CFS Membership. The sessions will be characterized by an interactive format and focus on the following topics:

- Session 1: Promoting responsible governance of tenure: the role of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (CFS VGGT) in the context of the Second International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICCARD+20);
- Session 2: Collaborative actions and policies to fight hunger and poverty: the role of CFS and its policy products in the context of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty;
- Session 3: Keeping food security and nutrition high on the international political agenda: potential areas of collaboration between CFS, G20, G7 and the Rome-based Agencies;
- Session 4: Eradicating hunger and all forms of malnutrition: the role of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition in the context of the Nutrition for Growth Summit and the Food Systems Summit+4.

The four moderated sessions will be organized by different stakeholders and held in parallel.

During its 53rd Session is expected to endorse its Policy Recommendations on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation as well as the Mid-Term Review of the CFS 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).

The Plenary will host a High-Level Forum dedicated to responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition, and it will also represent an opportunity to share views on the HLPE-FSN Report on Building resilient food systems.

Additionally, the Plenary will include a discussion on progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products as well as a stocktaking session to monitor the use and application of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises.

The Committee will also elect the new CFS Chairperson, the members of the Bureau and their alternates.

Timekeeping and high-level participation

CFS plenary sessions provide the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction among stakeholders, including the space for delegation heads to present their formal statement to the open plenary session, or submit it in writing if they prefer. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less unless presented by a Minister or constituency delegation head or on behalf of an entire regional group) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are not foreseen, but presentations longer than the apportioned time can be shared electronically with the CFS Secretariat and posted on its public website. A traffic light system will be in place to help delegates stay within the allocated time. All delegates are requested to email their statements to cfs@fao.org, at least one hour before the session, so they can be shared with the interpreters for interpretation in FAO's six official languages, and to be posted in the Statements section of the CFS 53 web page (in their original language). In the event that a Member delegation will include senior-level participation such as a Minister, Vice Minister, State Secretary (or equivalent), they should inform the Secretariat in order for that delegation head to be given priority protocol consideration on the Speakers List.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*for decision*)
- b) Membership of the Committee (*for information*)
- c) Drafting Committee composition (*for decision*)
- d) Modalities for the preparation of the CFS 53 Final Report (*for decision*)

II. THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2025 - STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AND COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS (*for information and discussion*)

- a) Opening statements by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 53 Session document webpage):
 - The UN Secretary-General;
 - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
 - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
 - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP);
 - The President of the United Nations General Assembly;

- The President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
 - The Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN);
 - The CFS Chairperson.
- b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) Report 2025;
- c) [2025 SOFI theme]: Panel discussion on regional perspectives
- d) Presentation of the CFS summary report on Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food systems transformation;
- e) Presentation of the outcomes of the satellite sessions on strengthening CFS partnerships with relevant international initiatives to promote food security and nutrition;
- f) Delegate statements on strengthening coordination and collaborative actions for food security and nutrition.

III. PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION ACROSS THE RURAL-URBAN CONTINUUM: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRENGTHENING URBAN AND PERI-URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE CONTEXT OF URBANIZATION AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION (*for decision*)

The final version of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation, resulting from an inclusive multistakeholder negotiation process within an Open-Ended Working Group, will be presented for consideration and endorsement by CFS Plenary. The session will also represent an opportunity for highlighting the most significant elements of the Policy Recommendations, and the opportunities for advancing and accelerating their uptake and implementation at global, regional, country, and local levels.

IV. STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS (*for information and discussion*)

This session will represent an opportunity to discuss progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products at all levels. CFS stakeholders will share and discuss lessons learned from CFS uptake experiences with a view to informing future strategies for the promotion of the use of CFS policy products and feeding the preparation of future CFS programmes of work.

V. HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON STRENGTHENING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT AND FINANCING FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION *(for information and discussion)*

The High-Level Forum will represent an opportunity to discuss investments to properly finance sustainable and inclusive food systems, to reflect on the status and evolution of financing in agriculture and food systems and to deliberate on how standards and principles, such as the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI), can be used to further mobilize responsible investments.

VI. BUILDING RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION *(for discussion)*

- a) Presentation of the HLPE-FSN Report on Building resilient food systems;
- b) CFS stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide feedback and inputs on the content of the report in view of the CFS policy convergence process on Building Resilient Food Systems.

VII. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON CONFLICTS AND FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION: ADVANCING THE UPTAKE OF THE CFS FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN PROTRACTED CRISES *(for information and discussion)*

The session will provide an opportunity to monitor progress on the use and application of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises.

VIII. CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION TOWARDS 2030 *(for decision)*

The Mid-Term Review of the CFS 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW), which will complement the annual update of the rolling section, will be presented for consideration and endorsement by the Committee.

IX. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Date of the Fifty-fourth Session of CFS *(for decision)*
- b) Election of CFS Chair, Bureau members and Alternates *(for decision)*
- c) Adoption of the Final Report *(for decision)*