

STRENGTHENING THE UPTAKE OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS – WORKPLAN (2025)

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The Committee, at its 52nd Plenary Session in October 2024, “endorsed the [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, in line with their national priorities”.¹ Furthermore, “the Committee underlined 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 Rome-based Agencies”.²

While different recommendations of the Action Plan are addressed to CFS Members and Participants, CFS Bureau and Advisory Group are specifically mentioned as key players for the implementation of the following two recommendations:

3.2. Dedicated regular agenda items will be held during CFS plenaries to discuss progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products at all levels. These dialogues could be an opportunity to share and discuss lessons learned from CFS uptake experiences, particularly in pilot countries that uptake CFS products on a voluntary basis, with a view to informing future strategies for the promotion of the use of CFS policy products and feeding the preparation of the future CFS programmes of work by identifying best practices.

3.3. The CFS Bureau and Advisory Group will track the implementation of the present Action Plan. Furthermore, the CFS Secretariat will periodically organize **informal intersessional dialogues** to provide a space for CFS stakeholders to report on the activities carried out in response to the Action Plan, analyse CFS funding requirements and ways of mobilizing resources, to raise awareness about the time required for effective policy change as well as to identify ways to link the CFS monitoring mechanism with other existing initiatives and mechanisms. Furthermore, discussions could focus on ways to improve data collection of use of CFS policy products, including through questionnaires to countries, and collaboration with reporting systems existing at country level. CFS plenary sessions will involve a dedicated agenda item on tracking the implementation of the Action Plan by the Bureau and Advisory Group, based also on these informal dialogues and deliberations.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- a) An agenda item at CFS 53 is dedicated to the discussion of progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products at all levels;
- b) An informal intersessional dialogue on uptake is organized in 2025;

¹ [CFS 52 Final Report](#), paragraph 20.a.

² [CFS 52 Final Report](#), paragraph 20.d.

- c) Discussions are held at Bureau and Advisory Group level on tracking the implementation of the Action Plan

WORKPLAN

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
The <u>2025 Workplan</u> for activities concerning the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen the Uptake of CFS Policy Products approved by the CFS Bureau, in consultation with its Advisory Group	28 January 2025
<u>Update and discussion</u> at Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on the focus, objectives and format of the informal intersessional dialogue and of the plenary item on uptake as well as on the role on tracking the implementation of the Action Plan	18 March 2025
<u>Follow-up discussion</u> on tracking the implementation of the Action Plan at Bureau and Advisory Group meeting	May 2025
Informal intersessional dialogue on uptake	June 2025
Session at CFS 53 dedicated to the discussion of progress, challenges and ways to improve the use of CFS policy products at all levels	October 2025