

# STRENGTHENING THE UPTAKE OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS

## 2025 INTERSESSIONAL DIALOGUE

Friday 13 June 2025 (14.00-16.00), Rome Headquarters

### DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is an international and intergovernmental platform of the United Nations that develops, using a multistakeholder and evidence-based approach, policy products on a wide range of food security and nutrition-related topics.

In the course of the years, a wide number of policy guidance tools have been developed by CFS to address complex issues through a food security and nutrition lens, offering a framework that all stakeholders can use in their own strategies, policies, programmes and activities. The topics of these policy instruments range from land tenure governance and responsible investments in agrifood systems, to gender equality, food security in protracted crises, agrifood systems and nutrition, youth employment, agroecological approaches, connecting smallholders to markets, collection of food security and nutrition data, and most recently reducing inequalities. The full list of CFS policy products is available [here](#).

These policy products are useful tools for policy makers and other relevant stakeholders which have been and are being used and integrated into national and regional legislations, technical programmes as well as into policy and legal frameworks.

To facilitate these efforts, the Committee has developed an [Action Plan to Strengthen the Uptake of CFS Policy Products](#) which has been endorsed at CFS 52 in October 2024. The Action Plan is intended to present a roadmap with actions for different CFS stakeholders that are responsible and accountable for promoting the uptake of CFS policy products at all levels.

This exercise is based on the recognition that strengthening the uptake of CFS policy products is a collective responsibility that requires joint efforts as well as close collaboration and coordination between relevant stakeholders.

In light of this, the CFS intersessional dialogue on uptake is intended to provide a space for CFS stakeholders to present the outcomes of their uptake activities, share progress and challenges encountered as well as discuss ways to improve the use of CFS policy products. Furthermore, this will represent an opportunity to collectively reflect on specific recommendations of the Action Plan as well as to plan future uptake activities and discussions, including at CFS 53.

## II. FOCUS OF THE DIALOGUE

The dialogue will open with a **discussion on past experiences** with the intention to highlight lessons learned, successful cases and identify challenges and main barriers faced as well as potential enablers for success. The discussion will be informed by the presentation of an analysis by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights on key drivers and factors that led to the use of specific CFS policy products or lack thereof. This segment of the dialogue is particularly relevant to recommendation 2.A.1 of the Action Plan.

The second segment will be dedicated to the **roles and responsibilities of different CFS stakeholders** in promoting the use of CFS policy products. Attention will be dedicated to the perspectives of different actors and, more specifically, to uptake activities carried out by the Rome-based Agencies and other international organizations, members of the CFS Advisory Group, and donor partners. The discussion is intended to promote uptake activities outlined in recommendations 2.A.3, 2.A.4, 2.A.5, 2.A.6, 2.A.7, 2.A.8, 2.A.9 and 3.5.

The concluding segment will take the form of an **open dialogue** with the aim of sharing views and identifying potential areas of collaboration and possible synergies towards the promotion of the uptake of CFS policy products and the implementation of specific recommendations of the Action Plan.

## III. FORMAT AND ROLL-OUT OF THE DIALOGUE

### Opening

- Remarks by the CFS Chairperson

### Segment 1: Analysis of past CFS uptake experiences

- Presentation of the analysis on patterns and key drivers of use of CFS policy products
- Q&A

### Segment 2: Efforts by and collaboration between CFS stakeholders

- Presentation of uptake activities carried out by technical units of the RBAs
- Main findings of the 2024 CFS Advisory Group reports concerning uptake activities
- Integrating the content of CFS policy products into projects and programmes: a case study by the World Bank
- The perspective of a donor supporting the uptake of CFS policy products
- The coordination role of the CFS Secretariat
- Q&A

### Segment 3: Open dialogue on potential areas of collaboration and synergies

- Moderated dialogue between CFS stakeholders