

High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN): critical issues for food security and nutrition.

Note for the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group

Since the reform of Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the time between the identification of a critical and emerging issue for food security and nutrition by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) and its consideration by the Committee has considerably increased. At the same time, as illustrated by multiple recent crises, the current evolving environment requires, more than ever, for the Committee to be able to consider situations and trends that were not envisaged nor expected during the process of the preparation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).

The HLPE-FSN carries out at least every four years a process of identification of critical, emerging and enduring issues to inform the development of the MYPoW. The Steering Committee of the HLPE-FSN proposes to complement this process by a mechanism through which it could alert the Bureau on critical issues that it deems deserving the urgent attention from the Committee.

The HLPE-FSN proposes to structure this mechanism as follows.

1. When an issue is identified by the Steering Committee as deserving the urgent attention of the CFS, the HLPE-FSN informs the CFS Chairperson of the issue, with the elements motivating its reporting, inviting the Chairperson to submit the issue to the attention of the Bureau and Advisory Group and soliciting comments and inputs. The HLPE-FSN may provide options for informing the Committee, including timelines and resource needs.
2. An item of discussion is included in the next CFS Bureau and Advisory Group and Bureau meetings. The HLPE-FSN is invited to present the issue with an information note at the next Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.
3. The Bureau discusses possible ways for the Committee to consider the issue and inform the HLPE-FSN on the way forward.
4. The HLPE-FSN integrates the note in its programme of work.