



CFS policy convergence workstream on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition”

Second Open-Ended Working Group meeting

12 April 2024, 14:00 – 17:00 Hybrid meeting (German Room + Zoom platform)

Rapporteur’s Summary

1. Introductory remarks by the Rapporteur

Ms Lara Lobo, Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, IFAD and WFP expressed her appreciation to the members of the Secretariat and Technical Task Team for their support in developing the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition, as well as to CFS stakeholders for their continued engagement and commitment to this workstream.

The Rapporteur introduced the Zero Draft by highlighting how the document: (i) mirrors the structure proposed by the HLPE-FSN; (ii) aims at incorporating the many written contributions submitted by OEWG members concerning priority issues and policy relevant areas to be addressed in the policy recommendations, while keeping to a reasonable length and seeking to be useful and applicable to policy makers; (iii) builds on multilaterally agreed language, wherever possible and applicable.

2. Open floor discussion on the Zero Draft Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition

The document was generally well received by OEWG members who welcomed the focused, concrete and action-oriented nature of the Zero Draft.

CFS stakeholders presented a number of suggestions and ideas on how to further improve the document, underlined some of the areas that should be strengthened, and suggested additional material to be included in the Draft One for negotiations.

The Rapporteur and the CFS Secretariat took careful notes of all the feedback received, which will inform the preparation of the next version of the document.

3. Next steps

OEWG members were reminded of the importance of submitting any additional inputs in writing to cfs@fao.org by Monday 15 April COB. All inputs received will be posted on the CFS working space.

In line with the Workplan agreed by the CFS Bureau, the Rapporteur and the CFS Secretariat, supported by the Technical Task team, will analyze the comments provided by OEWG members and circulate Draft One of the Policy Recommendations by 8 May. Language versions will be made available in the second half of May. The deadline for submitting written feedback on Draft One will be 27 May.

The first round of negotiations is scheduled for 3-7 June, while the second round will take place during the week 1-5 July.