

## **FAO inputs on the mid-term review of the CFS 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW)**

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1. *Which elements, if any, of the 2026-2027 programme of work would benefit from further discussion with a view to sharpen their objectives and expected outcomes?*
2. *Which element, if any, of the 2026-2027 programme of work would benefit from further discussion with a view to align with the evolving global context and initiatives relevant to food security and nutrition?*

### **Strategic Function 1 – Platform**

*Leverage the convening power of the CFS as an inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to discuss the food security and nutrition situation and coordinate collective action at all levels*

#### **A.1.1 The progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security: Actions towards 2030**

In order to *mainstream the Right to Food as overarching framework of all the Committee's activities, and use the convening power of CFS to reinforce its uptake as the framework of the efforts to achieve SDG 2 and of food systems transformation*, the second term of implementation of the MYPoW could benefit from **further dialogue** to reflect in the use and application of the RTFG as a driver to tackle global challenges and a pathway to achieve SDG2, including through, inter alia:

- Promoting international monitoring of the right to food (VG 17).
- Reflecting on the role of the international community and obligations before third countries.
- Reflection on how the RTFG can support the advancement of new global processes and platforms, such as the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty.

The reviewed MYPoW 2026-2027 could include a **new Global Thematic Event** to reflect on the “Status of implementation of the Right to Adequate food in line with international normative framework and guided by the RTFG”. The GTE could be realized in 2027 as a closure activity of the MYPoW and it could be set as a stocktaking moment of the recommendations provided by Members in the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the Committee and be contingent to allocation of budget resources.

In addition, to ensure the “*active engagement of CFS Bureau members and of the CFS Chair in events that are relevant to the progressive realization of the right to food is encouraged during the period of this MYPoW*”, the Mid-term review of the MYPoW could **include a mapping of key relevant events where the right to food could be prominently presented** and benefit from CFS Bureau members and CFS Chair's participation. CFS Bureau Members and the CFS Chair could seek **engagement in technical and advisory groups working in the preparation** of key global events. FAO, through the right to food team, remains available to support the CFS Secretariat in the identification of these global events and engagement strategy.

### A.1.2. The role and rights of agriculture and food systems workers

The title could be amended into “The role and rights of **agrifood systems** workers”.

The role and rights of agrifood systems workers, according to the CFS MYPoW, activities culminated in 2024 with the implementation of the Agenda item dedicated to the ILO “Policy Guidelines for the Promotion of Decent Work in the Agri-food Sector” at CFS 52, followed by a CFS Plenary Discussion on decent work in agrifood systems on the same day, and the adoption of conclusions by the CFS Plenary.

The topic would benefit from additional discussions. An **additional technical session could be organized** by the CFS in 2025 on sharing experience by CFS members on progress or actions conducted or challenges in this regard, and then again in 2026, to keep the focus on the topic.

This effort would align with and contribute to the evolving global context and multiple initiatives where FAO and several member countries are involved such as:

- The ongoing SDG8 review at UNGA and also at regional levels throughout 2025, in a global context where several SDG 8 indicators show stagnation or regression.
- Alliance 8.7 against forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour.
- The Global Coalition for Social Justice; the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions; the G20 process and related policy basket; the Pact for the Future.
- The Global Forum on Migration and Development, which in 2025 covers the topic of safe labour migration in the context of climate change.

### A.1.3 Strengthening responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition

CFS could consider a **further discussion** on the planned *High-level forum on strengthening responsible investment and financing for FSN, scheduled for October 2025*, to sharpen its objectives and outcomes, as well as alignment with evolving initiatives relevant to FSN.

For example, the Forum could refer to ongoing FAO work on responsible agricultural investment, including business acceleration support currently provided in six countries (Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, The Gambia and Tunisia) to align an expected 500 SME businesses with the CFS-RAI principles by 2028. In this regard, there may also be useful synergies with the Hand-in-Hand initiative and related development of Investment Plans to be presented in the upcoming Investment Forum – e.g. in the Gambia, where the two FAO teams are currently implementing parallel complementary activities.

Furthermore, given the objectives of the 2nd UNFSS Stocktake (UNFSS+4) -*Reflecting on Progress, strengthening accountability, and unlocking investments* - **outcomes and reports can contribute to the discussions/development of the action-oriented outcome.**

Documentation/reports under development for the UNFSS+4 that can be considered:

- UN Secretary-General’s Stocktake Report
- Independent Stakeholders Report
- Technical papers:

- A paper with successful positive examples of country food systems transformation highlighting the factors that enabled progress. This paper will be prepared by GAIN, AGRA and other civil society partners, in collaboration with the Hub.
- A short paper summarizing the future needs of countries and outlining tools available to governments to meet these needs. This paper will be prepared by the Hub, GAIN, AGRA and other agencies supporting pathway implementation at the country level.

#### **A.1.4. Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation**

The title could be amended into “Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable **agrifood system** transformation”.

Current activities implemented under this workstream are focusing mostly on organizing the biannual meeting to discuss about emerging crises and the role of CFS. Considering the current global increasing risks to food crises as a consequence of a compounded factors, included conflicts, extreme weather hazards and economic downturns, **the workstream could benefit from a detailed work plan** that may include thematic discussions with key stakeholders that are monitoring early warning systems

Biannual meetings and other related activities organized in the context of this Activity could benefit from the preparation of outcome-oriented actions.

#### **Strategic Function 3 – Uptake**

*Foster the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and best practices on the use and application of CFS products at all levels*

In order to continue contributing to the efforts on Uptake, the mid-term review of the MYPoW could put further attention on the follow up of the activities implemented in 2024. Notably the MYPoW could benefit for the **inclusion of additional activities** focusing, *inter alia* on:

- Creating a **compilation of uptake gaps** that were identified during the GTE on the Realization of the Right to Food Guidelines and in the monitoring report to develop concrete activities looking at strengthening the dissemination of the RTFG at global, regional and national levels.
- FAO, through the Right to Food Team remains available to work with RB sister agencies, and other international organizations in this dissemination activities, subject to availability of resources.
- An additional **Global Thematic event on the results and impact of the Implementation of the Action Plan** could at the end of the MYpoW term, could be valuable to set the pathway towards the next MYPoW. The Global Thematic event could focus on successes, good practices, challenges and bottlenecks ensuring the reexperience exchange and national ownership are promoted.

### **SECTION B. SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES**

#### **B.2. Linkages with other relevant global processes/institutions**

A **new activity** could be added: “Regular collaboration with the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty process and Board of Champions meetings”.

Notably through the Support Mechanism and as part of the Board of Champions of the Alliance could organize **regular joint meetings and events** to ensure that the Board of Champions present report to the CFS during plenary sessions or in dedicated spaces and for the CFS to provide guidance on the use of its policy recommendations.

There is a little typo in bullet 4 – “Food Systems Summit UN Coordination Hub”. Please correct it to maintain uniformity as UN Food Systems Coordination Hub. Also, the section could also explicitly refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> UNFSS Stocktake, and perhaps subsequent 3<sup>rd</sup> UNFSS Stocktake. Additionally, reference to the Financing for Development Conference, Nutrition4Growth, UN Ocean Conference could be included /

### **B.3. CFS Engagement in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

This activity could benefit from **further discussion** with a view to sharpen the objectives and expected outcomes.