

## Swiss Input on: CFS 2024-2027 Multi Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) Mid-Term Review

When developing the CFS MYPoW 2024 - 2027, space was deliberately left to allow emerging topics to be taken into account in a timely manner. While the development of a HLPE report requires a longer planning phase, activities in the area of the platform and uptake function of the CFS can be planned at shorter notice.

In particular, there is room for high-level events in 2026 and 2027, as well as for a GTE event in 2027. To allow for the planning period for an HLPE report, a topic for the 2028 report should be defined at this point. This would avoid a last-minute decision, as was the case with the HLPE Report on Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems.

In 2025, we will have one High Level Forum during the year and one during the CFS Plenary. We think that organizing a High Level Forum during the year and not during CFS Plenary was the initial idea. We believe that they should be organized during the year.

The Global Thematic Events take place every year and offer the opportunity to review the implementation of the CFS major products. We would like to raise the question whether this format should be adapted, as for example the consultations that feed into the GTE do not receive much feedback and the real added value of the GTE is not always very obvious (e.g. long speakers list; speakers often highlight too little about how they implement the CFS products). The mid-term review is a good time to check whether the GTE format is still appropriate or whether another format (High-Level Expert Forum, etc.) would be more suitable. For example, a HLEF on conflicts and food security could be more interesting as a GTE that is planned on the same topic this year.

In the 'Uptake' category, activities related to 'Increasing awareness, ownership and use of CFS policy outcomes at all levels' is foreseen from 2024 – 2027 and a segment on 'strengthening the impact of CFS policy products' is planned in the agenda of the CFS plenary sessions. These segments should provide an opportunity to discuss progress and challenges, as well as ways to improve the use of CFS products. Is this the right format? Will it reach the right audience? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to plan a high-level event towards the end of the current MYPoW, e.g., 2027, to present the CFS products and link them to the strategic objectives and implementation programmes of the RBAs and the countries?

Furthermore, we propose to organise a **High-Level Forum on 'Al and Digitalization for Food Security and Nutrition, Leaving No One Behind'** in 2026 and to dedicate the **HLPE Report of 2028 to the topic of 'Climate Change'**.