

DIALOGUE ON STRENGTHENING THE UPTAKE OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS

Friday 13 June 2025, 14.00-16.30 (CEST)

German room, FAO headquarters, Rome (Italy) and on zoom

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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.

Over the years, a wide number of policy guidance tools has 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 and to increase their use, at CFS 52 in October 2024, the Committee has endorsed an [Action Plan to Strengthen the Uptake of CFS Policy Products](#). 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.

It 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 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 uptake 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 presentation of specific country case studies is intended to inform a discussion on patterns and factors that influenced the uptake of CFS policy products at national level.

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 to ways to strengthen the collaboration with key stakeholders, also through the identification of areas to be improved. Specific attention will be dedicated to the role of key actors at country level, the integration of CFS policy products into projects and programmes, the mobilization of resources for CFS uptake efforts, and ways to strengthen the CFS monitoring mechanism.

At the end of the first two segments, space will be allowed for CFS stakeholders to present questions to the speakers.

The concluding segment will take the form of an **open dialogue** with the aim of sharing examples of uptake efforts with a view to 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. This segment will be also informed by the outcomes of the 2024 CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise.

III. FORMAT AND ROLL-OUT OF THE DIALOGUE

Opening

Introductory remarks

Jenny Reid

Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security

Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the Rome-based agencies

Segment 1 Analysis of past CFS uptake experiences: the importance of involving all relevant stakeholders



Inaya Ezzedine

Chairperson of the Women and Children Parliamentary Committee, Lebanon

From global guidance to national action: Lebanon's use of CFS policy products



H.E. Siti Rozaimerianty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman

Secretary General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Strengthening Parliamentary Action for Responsible Agricultural Investment in ASEAN - Development of ASEAN-RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework 2024-2030

🌀 **Ousmane Diallo**

Coordination Nationale des Organisations Paysannes (CNOP), Mali

Participatory, multi-actor process for improving governance of tenure in Mali, using the CFS VGGT: The perspective of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM)

🌀 **Ana Carolina Zimmermann**

Farmer

The Private Sector Mechanism's perspectives on implementing the CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems Youth in Brazil

After the presentations, a Q&A session will take place.

Segment 2 CFS uptake as a collective responsibility: joint actions, synergies and collaboration between stakeholders

Strengthening linkages with relevant actors and initiatives as a way to promote CFS policy products and support policy formulation at country level

🌀 **Monica Schuster**

Global Coordinator CCA/ UNSDCF Support Mechanism, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Towards stronger collaboration with UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams: leveraging FAO's Analytical Support Mechanism to inform UN country programming to accelerate agrifood systems transformation, and bridge the science-policy interface at global scale

🌀 **Khaled El Taweel**

Senior Programme Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Acting together to transform agrifood systems: the role of the UNFSS Hub in promoting the use of CFS policy products, informing the work of National Convenors as well as the development and implementation of National Pathways

🌀 **Renato Domith Godinho**

Special Advisor for International Affairs Ministry for Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil

The Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty: the potential of the Alliance to promote uptake of CFS policy products through the country-level implementation of evidence-based programs in its policy basket, and how to reinforce communication about the concrete links between CFS products and the policy basket

Integrating the content of CFS policy products into projects and programmes to promote coherent action and coordination among stakeholders

🌀 **Anna Horner**

UN Nutrition Senior Coordinator

Overview of the work undertaken by UN Nutrition to promote the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

🌀 **Alejandra Safa Barraza**

Programme Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The FAO Programme to promote the dissemination and uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

Mobilizing resources to promote the uptake of CFS policy products and support the engagement of relevant stakeholders at all levels

🌀 **Lisa Jäckering**

Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, Germany

The importance of recognizing CFS uptake as a collective responsibility that requires an integrated approach and coordination: a donor perspective

🌀 **Emilio Colonnelli**

Food Security Officer, Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

Establishment of an Umbrella Programme to facilitate financing of uptake-related activities by different donors

Identifying ways to link the CFS monitoring mechanism with other existing initiatives to systematically track and report on the use of CFS policy products

🌀 **Inmaculada del Pino Álvarez**

Food Systems, Food Security and Nutrition Expert, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Advancing global right to food monitoring efforts: ongoing process and reflections

After the presentations, a Q&A session will take place.

Segment 3 Open dialogue

The third segment of the Dialogue will represent an opportunity for all CFS stakeholders to share their uptake experiences, to further discuss the matters addressed in the first two segments, and to present views and suggestions on potential areas of collaboration and synergies to further promote the uptake of CFS policy products.

The outcomes of the CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise – which are available [here](#) – are also expected to feed this discussion and possibly stimulate a dialogue on potential synergies with the CFS uptake process.

Information on the event, including bios and pictures of the speakers, can be found on the [dedicated webpage](#)