



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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**CFS EVALUATION - OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
STATUS OF THE PLAN OF ACTION**

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CFS Evaluation – Overview of the implementation status of the Plan of Action

Actions to be taken	Implementation Status
A1.1. Develop the strategic content of a medium to long term MYPoW; and clarify the contribution of the six roles set out in the Reform Document to achieving CFS vision, and how and by whom they should be implemented, based on experience gained since the CFS reform.	Three strategic objectives and expected outcomes were developed for the next 4-year MYPoW (2020-2023). The contribution of the six roles to achieving the CFS vision and the modalities of implementation were clarified. [Para. 9 and 11 of CFS 2018/45/3 and Section A of Annex]
A2.1. Develop a proposal for a new MYPoW structure and process which is linked to Agenda 2030, with a standing section with the strategic content (see A1.1) and a rolling section with activities linked to resource availability.	A proposal for a new MYPoW structure and process was developed. [Para. 14-17 of CFS 2018/45/3 and Section B of Annex]
A2.2. Develop and apply clearer criteria for selecting CFS activities.	Criteria for selecting CFS activities were revised and included in the proposal for a new MYPoW structure and process. [Para 17 of CFS 2018/45/3 and Section B of Annex]
A.2.3. Give Plenary the opportunity to propose, discuss and give guidance on critical, emerging and urgent FSN issues to inform the preparation of MYPoW.	A more prominent role was proposed for Plenary to inform the preparation of the MYPoW. [Para. 16 of CFS 2018/45/3 and Section B of Annex]
A2.4. Define a comprehensive planning phase for MYPoW to identify activities, taking into account resource availability.	A comprehensive planning phase for MYPoW was defined. [Para. 16 of CFS 2018/45/3 and Section B of Annex]
A3.1. (i) Develop and implement a resource mobilization strategy [RMS] for CFS Plenary and workstreams, the HLPE and the CSM to support CFS priorities, with clear and robust safeguards in line with FAO guidelines to prevent potential conflicts of interest regarding funding.	A RMS will be developed and implemented in the next intersessional period to support funding requirements directly related to the new four-year MYPoW. [para.34 of CFS 2018/45/3]
A3.2. (ii) Diversify the financing base from Members, private foundations and the private sector, and financial institutions.	The roles of the Secretariat, the CFS Chair and other stakeholders will be part of the RMS to be developed to encourage all members and participants to share the responsibility to mobilize resources for CFS. [para.34 of CFS 2018/45/3]

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A3.3. (iii) (a) Request RBAs to contribute the full amount of their stated contribution with guiding principles for cash and in-kind contributions and to formalize their contributions for sustainability.	The CFS Chair will continue to hold a joint consultation process with the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) with a view to secure their contribution in accordance with the implementation of Action 9.2.
A3.4. (iii) (b) Request RBAs to adjust their contribution to cover the core budget for CFS Plenary and Workstreams starting from 2020-21 biennium.	Depending on future needs and available resources, CFS Members, as appropriate, may request the Governing Bodies of the RBAs to adjust their contribution to CFS. [para. 35 of CFS 2018/45/3]
A3.5. (iv) Clarify stakeholders' need for, and provide, additional information on actual expenditure and budget allocation decisions and consider how to improve the accessibility and transparency of information.	Accounting of actual expenditures of the CFS budget is now being incorporated into the CFS Annual Progress Report, which is an annual information session document, starting in 2017. Budget allocation decisions are provided in the MYPoW which is approved by Plenary. Additional information will be provided at request to further improve accessibility and transparency.
A4.1. Review the composition and processes of the Advisory Group, so that it can perform its functions effectively.	A proposal on the composition and processes of the Advisory Group was developed. [Annex H of CFS 2018/45/3]
A5.1. Prepare a proposal for making the plenary more vibrant, attractive and substantive, taking into account ideas generated through the consultation process.	Elements on how to make plenary more vibrant, attractive and substantive are included in the annex of the implementation report. [Section D of Annex of 2018/45/3]
A6.1. Establish new criteria with specific conditions enabling decisions on whether an OEWG is needed and whether existing OEWGs should continue.	New criteria were proposed to enable decisions on OEWGs. [Section B of Annex of CFS 2018/45/3]
A6.2. Establish Terms of Reference for new and existing OEWGs that meet the criteria for establishing or continuing an OEWG (Action 6.1), which will be submitted to the Plenary for endorsement.	Guidance for the preparation of Terms of Reference for OEWGs was provided. [Section B of CFS 2018/45/3]
A6.3. Establish Terms of Reference for alternative working arrangements (such as specific task forces (e.g. for CFS contribution to HLPF) and technical task teams or other ad hoc arrangements).	Guidance to establish Terms of Reference for alternative working arrangements and technical task teams or other ad hoc arrangements was provided. [Section B of CFS 2018/45/3]

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A6.4. Clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of the Bureau/Advisory Group and OEWGs, allowing OEWGs to focus on substantive thematic issues.	New criteria were proposed to enable decisions on Open-Ended Working Groups (OEWGs). [Section B of Annex of CFS 2018/45/3]
A7.1. Prepare a proposal for actions that could be taken by Members, supported where needed by other stakeholders, to improve the functioning of CFS, and to better promote the dissemination, use and application of CFS policy outcomes.	A proposal for actions that could be taken by Members to improve the functioning of CFS and promote CFS policy outcomes was included in the annex of the implementation report. [Section E of CFS/2018/45/3].
A8.1. Develop Terms of Reference (TORs) for the position of CFS Chairperson.	The TORs of the Chairperson were clarified. [Section F of Annex of CFS 2018/45/3].
A8.2. Review TORs of Secretary, clarifying accountabilities and reporting lines.	The TORs of the CFS Secretary were revised. [Section F of Annex of CFS 2018/45/3]
A9.1. Review the levels and TORs of all positions in the joint CFS Secretariat and submit to the Bureau for consultation.	The structure and composition of the CFS Secretariat was reviewed by the RBAs and the CFS Secretary and submitted to the Bureau for consultation.
A9.2. Ensure the agreed RBAs' contributions to the joint CFS Secretariat are met in a timely manner.	See Action A3.3 (iii) (a).
A10.1. Taking into account previous discussions, decisions and experience gained, review the framework for monitoring in CFS clarifying the roles of CFS at all levels.	A framework for promoting accountability and good practices was developed. [Section C of Annex of CFS 2018/45/3]
A11.1. Revise the CFS communication and outreach strategy to support the dissemination, use and application of CFS policy products and recommendations, and raise awareness of CFS.	The CFS communication and outreach strategy was revised. [CFS 2018/45/Inf.16]
A13.1. Propose how and when to lift engagement with the HLPE Steering Committee to discuss substantive issues in order to improve the use of HLPE outputs in CFS.	Regular and sustained interaction between the HLPE Steering Committee and the Bureau and Advisory Group will be intensified, in particular on substantive issues. [Para. 19 of CFS 2018/45/3].
A13.2. Propose how to improve coordination and engagement between the CFS and HLPE Secretariats to maximize efficiency and effectiveness and inform the Bureau.	The CFS and HLPE Secretariats continue to meet regularly (at least weekly) to improve coordination and strengthen engagement.

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A13.3. Provide advice and focused interventions on substantive issues at the request of CFS, as a complement to the main HLPE products (typically substantive reports).	The HLPE Steering Committee will provide advice and focused interventions at the request of CFS to maximize the value of the HLPE in supporting CFS policy convergence and coherence work as a complement to the main HLPE products (typically substantive reports), subject to HLPE resources and workload. (Para. 19 of CFS 2018/45/3)
A14.1. Provide more detailed information to the candidates on the selection process, selection criteria and the time commitment expected from each project team member for future calls for nominations, and provide to the CFS Bureau more detailed statistics on the candidates.	The HLPE Secretariat will provide more detailed information in future calls for experts' nomination to the candidates on the selection process, the selection criteria, and time commitment expected from team members. As per usual practices for all scientific selection processes, personal information on the candidates is kept confidential within the Steering Committee.
A14.2 Ensure a wider diffusion of the calls for project team members.	The HLPE Secretariat will ensure a wider diffusion of future calls for nomination of project team members. All HLPE Steering Committee members will also be encouraged to disseminate this information widely in their own networks.
A14.3. Improve the accessibility of HLPE reports, including to non-technical readers by giving specific attention to the format and readability of future reports.	The HLPE Steering Committee will improve the readability of its future reports, subject to its workload and available resources.