

Selection of the 3rd HLPE Steering Committee: Selection Procedures

As per the Rules and Procedures of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) is appointed by the CFS Bureau, following a procedure involving the work of an ad-hoc technical selection panel.

This note recalls the selection procedures and criteria set by the CFS. It is based on legal texts (FAO GRO¹, CFS RoP², the HLPE RoP³), as well as on the Bureau decision of 12 April 2013 regarding the modalities to appoint the second HLPE StC.

For each step of the procedure is mentioned in parenthesis the disposition in application of which it is executed. When “Bureau disposition” is mentioned, it makes reference to the 12 April 2013 Bureau note.

1. An international call for nomination to the HLPE Steering Committee (HLPE StC) has been launched by the CFS/HLPE Secretariat from 3rd November 2014 and will be closed by 31st January 2014. (Chair and Secretary letter)
2. An Ad-hoc technical selection committee will be formed, constituted of one representative of the following organizations: FAO, WFP, IFAD, CGIAR and a representative of the Civil Society Mechanism of the CFS. (CFS RoP)
3. A letter of the CFS Chair and Secretary is to be sent to the heads of these agencies as well as to the CSM. It is proposed, as in the last call, that the representative in the AHSTC be different than the respective representatives to the CFS Advisory Group. (Bureau disposition)
4. Remote, password-protected access to the database of nominated candidates to the HLPE StC will be provided by the Secretariat to the exclusive knowledge of the members of the Ad-hoc technical selection committee (AHTSC). The list of names of current HLPE StC members who candidate for a reappointment will be also transmitted by the Secretariat to the AHTSC. Such database and information must be used by the AHTSC members with the necessary confidentiality. (Bureau disposition, in application of the HLPE RoP, art 12)
5. The CFS/HLPE Secretariat will request each AHTSC member to review the nominations received and, in order to facilitate the organization of the meeting, to send ahead of the AHTSC meeting a short list containing as many names as considered appropriate. (Bureau disposition)
6. The CFS/HLPE Secretariat will organize a meeting in Rome for the AHTSC to review the complete list of candidatures as well as the AHTSC’s members own short lists, and to decide on a proposal for the HLPE StC membership to be submitted to the Bureau of the CFS for decision. At this meeting the AHTSC will be invited to designate an AHTSC Chair amongst its members. (Bureau disposition)
7. In application of the CFS RoP, the AHTSC proposal for the HLPE StC membership should contain 10 to 15 names. (CFS RoP)
8. To ensure continuity and change in the HLPE StC membership, the proposal should also contain from one-third to one-half of the outgoing HLPE StC members. (Bureau disposition)
9. A complementary list comprised of new candidates and of the same size than the first proposal should be prepared by the AHTSC and kept in reserve by the CFS/HLPE Secretariat. This list could be used in any future circumstances whereby the AHTSC would be requested by the CFS Bureau to make a new proposal to the CFS Bureau, in case the Bureau requests changes in the original

¹ General Rules of the Organization, in particular Rule XXXIII (FAO Conference-level text)

² Rules of procedures of the Committee on World Food Security, especially Rule V (CFS Plenary-level text)

³ Rules and procedures for the work of the HLPE (CFS Bureau-level text)

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proposal, or if there is a need to replace HLPE StC candidates or members who decline or resign. (Bureau disposition)

10. The AHTSC proposal shall reflect the following criteria:

- a. Individual criteria which each expert has to meet. *“The Steering Committee shall consist of between ten and fifteen highly reputable, internationally-recognized experts on food security and nutrition-related field.” (CFS RoP) “Ideal candidates will have relevant experience working with cross-disciplinary expert processes, and have a broad vision and substantial experience in cross-disciplinary expert processes. They should be experienced professionals, holding an advanced university degree, proven record of publications and/or solid background in field/research project management in the area of food security and nutrition. Most importantly they should have strong experience in managing groups or networks of experts, extensive communication and inter-personal skills, leadership skills, and, drawing from their international recognition by peers, the capacity to attract and draw expert networks” (CFS RoP).*
- b. Group criteria that the composition of the Steering committee as a whole should meet: be composed of *“between ten and fifteen”* members (CFS RoP), *“in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields.”* (CFS reform document, paragraph 38), to *“reflect an assortment of technical disciplines, balance of regional expertise as well as consideration of gender representation”* (CFS RoP).
- c. The CFS Bureau leaves it to the AHTSC to determine the precise criteria which it will use to prioritize amongst candidates for reappointment to the HLPE StC. Nevertheless, as the need for continuity mirrors the need to ensure a certain degree of institutional memory within the HLPE StC in terms of working methods and processes, the Bureau recommends to the AHTSC that these criteria include elements such as the degree of implication of the former HLPE StC members in the work of the HLPE. To get objective information, the AHTSC is invited to consult in due time with the HLPE StC Chair as appropriate. (Bureau disposition)

11. The Bureau invites the AHTSC to make every effort to make a recommendation based on a consensus amongst its members. In case a consensus among the members of the AHTSP cannot be reached in due time, the AHTSC could submit to the Bureau the recommendation adopted by the majority of its members. The deliberations of the AHTSC are confidential. (Bureau disposition)

12. The CFS/HLPE Secretariat will transmit to the CFS Bureau, for review and decision, the AHTSC’s recommended list along with the details of the experts selected, as well as their respective nominating institution. (Bureau disposition)

13. A representative of the AHTSC could be invited, by the CFS Chairperson, at this CFS Bureau meeting to introduce and present the proposal. (Bureau disposition)

14. In application of the CFS RoP, final decision on the HLPE StC membership will be made by the CFS Bureau at a dedicated meeting, on the basis of a recommendation of the AHTSC. (CFS RoP)