

**The High Level Panel of Experts
on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE),
Science-policy interface of the
Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**

Critical and Emerging Issues

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HLPE: An innovation at the heart of the reformed CFS



1. Political role for civil society... **Inclusiveness**

1. HLPE: Institutionalization of independent **evidence-based** reports to inform policy debate of CFS and explore controversies

Taken from the Reform document CFS

“This effort should help create synergies between world class academic/scientific knowledge, field experience, knowledge from social actors and practical application in various settings.”

The CFS invites the HLPE to:



(i) Assess and analyze the current state of food security and nutrition and its underlying causes.

(ii) Provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on specific policy-relevant issues, utilizing existing high quality research, data and technical studies.

(iii) Identify emerging issues, and help members prioritize future actions and attentions on key focal areas.

Key attributes of the HLPE



- Created, appointed, mandated by the CFS but works independently
- Addresses the complexity of food security and nutrition through multidisciplinary approach
- Works in a transparent and open way; in particular, the HLPE is open to different kinds of knowledge

“One of the key roles of the reports is to help members and participants in CFS to understand why they disagree” (MS Swaminathan, 1st HLPE Chair)

In 2013, CFS requested the HLPE to produce a note on *Critical and emerging issues* (C&EI) for food security and nutrition that:

- Provided insights
- Used an evidence-based perspective
- Built on the knowledge of diverse actors

Results of the inquiry 2014

- Invited Participants from knowledge organizations, institutions and knowledge networks: 90 issues from 25 sources (out of 77 invited)
- Open consultation: 42 issues (from 28 different sources)
- Each contribution came as a response to a detailed questionnaire

Total: 132 issues (590 pages) from 53 different contributors

HLPE Steering Committee then:

- **Synthesised** results of inquiry
- **Mapped** C&E issues around thematic clusters
- **Created a short list** of issues
- – criteria include:
 - Impact on FSN (including women, vulnerable groups)
 - Depth and breadth of the issue
 - Urgency and emerging character of the issue
 - Gap in knowledge and understanding
 - Explore controversies

5 issues and their outcomes

Healthy **nutrition**
in changing food systems
(Triple Burden; sustainability)



HLPE report #12 on
Nutrition and food systems (2017)

Livestock systems and FSN: challenges
and opportunities



HLPE report #10 on *SAD for FSN:
what roles for livestock?* (2016)

Inequalities and FSN (resources, access
food, governance): the imperative of
addressing the needs of disadvantaged
and vulnerable populations

The increasing **role of financial markets** in
FSN (land, products, services, non
agricultural commodities, financial products)

HLPE report #8 on *FLW in the
context of sustainable food
systems* (2014); report #10 on
*SAD for FSN: what roles for
livestock?* (2016)

Pathways to sustainable food systems:
the pursuit of human and environmental
health for all



2nd C&E Issues Paper Timeline



2 August 2016: CFS request to produce a new HLPE note on Critical and emerging issues... next MYPOW

6 August – 2 December 2016: Open Inquiry

January – May 2017: Draft, peer review & finalization of the HLPE note

September: release of the final note in all the UN languages

<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/critical-and-emerging-issues/en/>

Expectations from today



- Welcome concrete thoughts and proposals for a transformative agenda
- Contribute to identifying C&EI and knowledge gaps
- Contribute to a long lasting relationship with different stakeholders

[http://
www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-
hlpe/critical-and-
emerging-issues/fr/](http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/critical-and-emerging-issues/fr/)

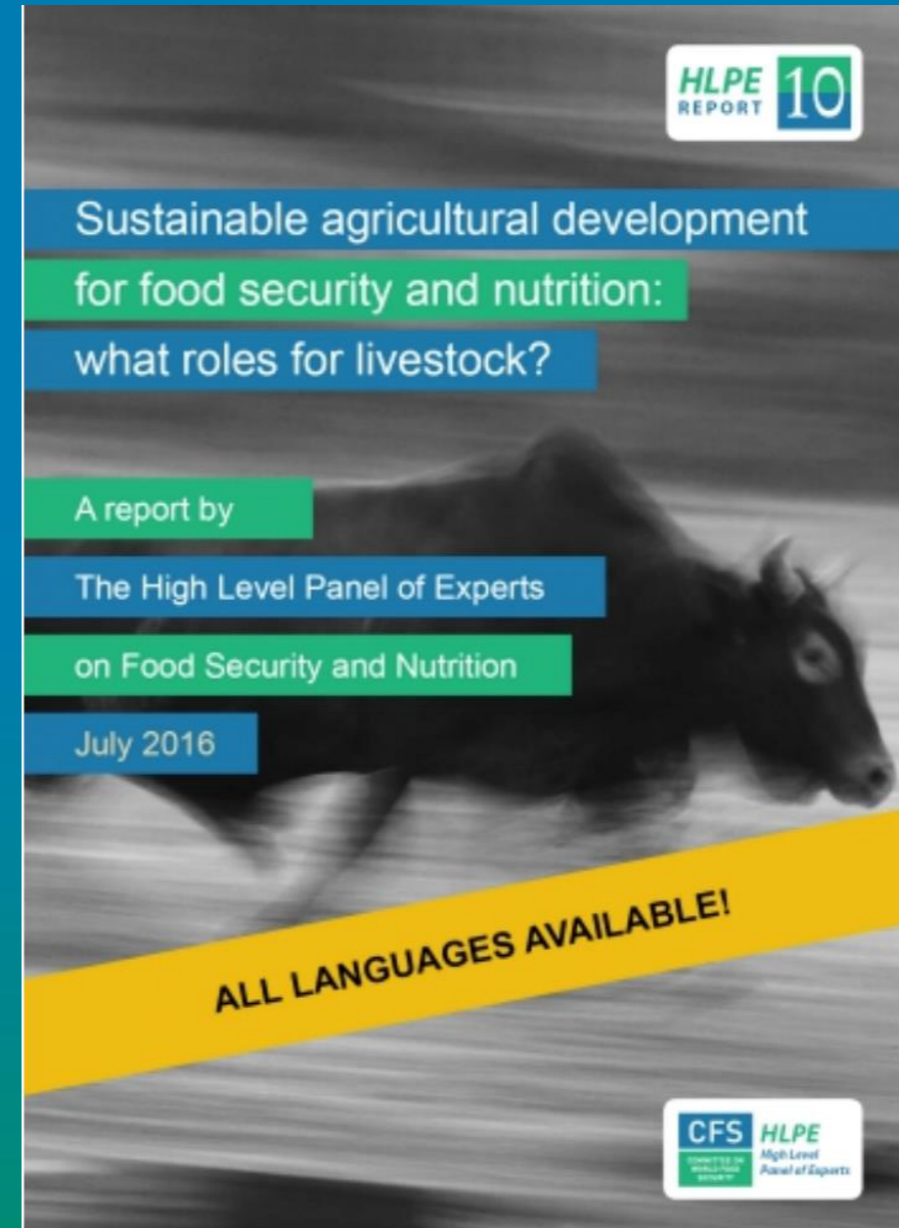
Inclusion of diverse forms of knowledge: essential for FSN

**The inclusive process itself
becomes a critical outcome**

**All information and results of this first
C&EI process available on HLPE website:**

[http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/
critical-and-emerging-issues/cei-2014/en/](http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/critical-and-emerging-issues/cei-2014/en/)

Thank you for your attention Thanks to Agropolis



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