

Side event

Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition Statistics:

Towards a new domain under the umbrella of the Statistical Commission

28 February 2024

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The CFS recommendations are divided in five areas addressing different challenges:

1. CREATE GREATER AWARENESS AND DEMAND FOR BETTER USE OF FSN DATA IN DECISION-MAKING

- Establish multisectoral and multistakeholder FSN mechanisms (1a)
- Promote dialogues and cooperation (1b)
- Promote the regular production and dissemination of evidence-based FSN knowledge products (1e)
- Develop guidelines on data-informed policy evaluation (1g)
- Use existing data (1c/i/j) and promote interoperability (1j)

2. INCREASE AND OPTIMIZE INVESTMENT IN THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND ENHANCEMENT OF FSN DATA

- Increase, sustain and coordinate investment on FSN data (2a/f/g)
- Build on existing FSN data funding initiatives (2h)
- Elaborate national plans to define priorities, integrated in the NSDS (2b)
- **Outline a minimum set of core FSN data to help countries identify priorities when collecting FSN data (2d)**
- Identify data gaps and needs and accelerate innovation (2e)

3. DEVELOP CAPACITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Invest in building the capacities of statisticians, data experts and social scientists (3a)
- Modernize infrastructures (3b/c)
- Expand training opportunities (3d/e/f)
- Invest in innovation and cost-saving approaches (3g/i)
- Prioritize capacity development for greater impact (3h)
- Reduce language barriers (3k)

4. COLLABORATION ON HARMONIZATION AND SHARING OF FSN DATA

- **Promote harmonization, coherence and interoperability of FSN data and platforms (4a)**
- **Consider FSN statistics as a domain in the UNSC (4b)**
- Treat FSN data as open as possible but as closed as necessary to serve the public good (4d)
- Promote the use and integration of FSN data from various sources (4e)
- Increase collaboration on data access/sharing (4f)
- Promote compliance with open-access and fair use principles (4h)

5. STRENGTHEN FSN DATA GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS

- Include FSN data within a broader national data governance (5a)
- Discuss the development of FSN data principles (5c)
- Non-state actors are encouraged to share FSN data and analytics for the public good (5d)

For more information: <https://www.fao.org/3/nn152en/nn152en.pdf>

Implications (and opportunities) of the CFS recommendations for the Statistical Commission

1) Creation of a **new data domain on food security and nutrition statistics** under the aegis of the UNSC

- ✓ Forum for discussions on concepts and methodologies for measuring food security and nutrition and the underlying data sources.
- ✓ Forum to standardize methodologies and harmonize available data
- ✓ Forum to promote the production and use of food security and nutrition statistics
- ✓ Regular reports on the state and progress to the UNSC

➔ *Endorse the new statistical domain at the 55th session of the UNSC (agenda item 3i)*

➔ *Invite FAO, UNICEF and WHO to report to the UNSC on the state and progress made in this statistical domain (every two years)*

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2) Establish a **UN Committee of experts on food security and nutrition statistics**

✓ The programme of work of this Committee will constitute the basis for development in the area of FSN statistics and the reporting to the UNSC

→ *Agreement of the UN-CEAG to take on this responsibility for now (in its meeting of February 20th 2024) until a new group is approved*

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3) In the short term (next 2 years), establish **two lines of work identified as priority for the CFS** under the aegis of this Committee:

- ✓ Definition of food security and nutrition data
- ✓ Development of guidelines which will include:
 - ✓ The definition of a **minimum set of core data** for assessing the state of FSN
 - ✓ References to **recommended indicators, methodologies and data sources**
 - ✓ **Guidance to help countries prioritize** the collection of relevant FSN data

→ *Endorse the UN-CEAG work programme 2024-27 at the 55th session of the UNSC (agenda item 3i)*

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4) Organize and support the work of the task force of the UN-CEAG on food security and nutrition statistics

Activities	Timelines
Draft annotated outlines of guidelines and core set of indicators (FAO/WHO/UNICEF)	Q2 2024
Review of the proposed core set of FSN indicators (UN-CEAG task force)	Q2-Q3 2024
Draft guidelines (first draft)	Q3 2024
Validation meeting (UN-CEAG task force)	Q3-Q4 2024
Finalization of the guidelines, including editorial review and layout	Q4 2024
Presentation of guidelines to UNSC for discussion/endorsement	Q1 2025
Publication of guidelines	Q1 2025
Advocacy, outreach and training	From Q2 2025

→ *Nominate FSN statistics experts to participate in this UN-CEAG task force*

Thank you

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