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Accelerating Progress On SDG2 To Achieve All The



The 46th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is scheduled to take place from 14-18 October 2019 at FAO, Rome, Italy. In addition to celebrating its 45th anniversary year, this CFS session will also be the first major global meeting on food security and nutrition following the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Summit in New York, 24-25 September. Eradicating hunger and malnutrition in all of its forms is further away now than it has been over the past decade. In 2018, for the third consecutive year, the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) reported a rise in world hunger and a reversal of trends after a prolonged decline. In recognition of this, the theme of CFS 46 will be:

Accelerating Progress on SDG 2 to Achieve All the SDGs

II. STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2019, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

[The SOFI 2019 numbers and content is under strict embargo until its launch in New York on 15 July. After the launch, summary text and any updated figures will be included.]



This session, as well as an update on the policy implications of SOFI 2019, will offer the heads of the Rome-based agencies and others an opportunity to share their views and recommendations on the way forward and how CFS fits into accelerating progress on SDG2.

The session will open with statements by the following, or their delegates: the UN Secretary-General, the CFS Chairperson, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), and the Chair of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee.

CFS 46 greenhouse gas emissions will be offset by a contribution to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change platform.

Following their statements, a presentation of the SOFI 2019 Report will be made, highlighting the relevant policy implications. After this, delegates will have the opportunity to make interventions.

A summary of the presentation and the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

III. CFS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: LESSONS LEARNED

The objective of this agenda item is for CFS stakeholders to engage in a reflection on “good practices” in SDG implementation, and explore how CFS can better address the systemic determinants that are slowing progress in the successful achievement of the 2030 Agenda.



Session Rollout

This session will be in three parts:

- A. A keynote speech by Ms. Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, highlighting the main findings of the report “Realizing the Right to Food in the time of the SDGs”;
- B. A question-and-answer session with a UNDESA representative answering questions from the floor on the outcomes of the SDG Summit in New York;
- C. A panel discussion moderated by Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of WFP. On the panel there will be two representatives from countries that presented a Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the HLPF, a panelist from the CFS Civil Society Mechanism (CSM), and a representative of the World Economic Forum for the private sector perspective.

The following questions and others will help guide the discussion, along with questions/comments from the floor shared via the interactive app “Slido.”

1. What shifts has the 2030 Agenda brought to your respective food security and nutrition strategies, and how are CFS policy guidelines and recommendations used to support your projects/collaborations?
2. A key principle of the 2030 Agenda adopted is “leaving no one behind.” Four years down the line, what are the challenges in translating this principle into concrete actions for your country/constituency and how should they be addressed?
3. What is happening in other venues, such as the HLPF, the Climate Summit, which will impact CFS, and vice-versa?

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

IV. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN

This session marks the International Day of Rural Women on 15 October. Rural women make up a quarter of the world's population and they grow much of our food, strengthen our economies, and build climate resilience. Ms. Sirebara Fatoumata Diallo, Vice-President of the National Federation of Rural Women (FENAFER) of Mali, will deliver keynote remarks. She is the founder of the National Union of Women Working in the Fish Sector and has been President of the National Union of Cooperative Societies of Women Farmers of Mali. Fatoumata herself practices market gardening and raises fish in home bins, skills which she passes on to other women and girls. Fatoumata has organized a rural credit savings system which connects women and girls with microfinance institutions, and works to promote schooling for young rural girls and the children of fisherfolk.



Following her keynote address, delegates will have the opportunity to pose questions related to the challenges that rural women face in achieving food security and nutrition for themselves, their families, and their communities.

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

V. FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

The aim of this session is to underscore the importance of nutrition in global, regional, and national food systems including the ongoing process of developing CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. Part of the session will also be devoted to hearing a progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2).

a) Toward preparation of CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

Malnutrition is one of the greatest challenges that countries face today and urgent action is required to address its negative impacts. CFS is leading a policy process which is expected to result in Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, that will provide evidence-based guidance on effective policies, investments, and institutional arrangements to address malnutrition in all its forms.

Food systems and dietary choices are the major contributors to people's nutritional status. These Voluntary Guidelines are intended to propose policy, institutional, and behaviour changes that promote sustainable food systems and enable healthy diets. They aim at contributing to the implementation of coordinated actions across multiple sectors to address the complexity of food systems and address policy fragmentation, while also dealing with social, environmental, and social sustainability challenges.



In addition to an update on the CFS Voluntary Guidelines consultation process, this session will provide an opportunity to discuss ways to promote their usage/uptake once endorsed at CFS 47 in 2020. This includes ways to foster policy coherence and dialogue between different institutions and sectors that are part of, and influence, food systems.

Session Rollout

This session will have two parts:

- A. The Nutrition and Food Systems Open Ended Working Group Chair, Ms. Liliane Ortega (Switzerland) will provide an update on the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and discuss input received during regional consultations that have taken place before CFS 46.
- B. The second part will be a panel discussion moderated by Mr. David Nabarro, Curator of the World Economic Forum’s “Food System Dialogues.” The panel will be made up of representatives from regional organizations, financial institutions, the retail sector, and academia, who will respond to the following guiding questions, after which, the floor will be open for dialogue.
 1. Provide specific examples of coordinated interventions across sectors that contribute to developing sustainable food systems that improve nutrition and ensure healthy diets;
 2. Provide an overview of the major constraints faced to ensure coherence between interventions and policies between key actors involved in food systems;
 3. Share ideas on the type of actions needed at global, regional, and national levels to promote uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, once endorsed at CFS 47.

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

b) ICN 2 Progress Reporting

At ICN2 in 2014, FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) committed to the goal of ending hunger and malnutrition in all its forms and articulated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition a common vision for global action. They also agreed on a voluntary Framework for Action to achieve this goal. In 2016, CFS agreed to allocate time every two years in its annual session to discuss progress in implementing ICN2 policies and actions relevant to CFS. Following upon the first progress report at CFS 44, FAO and WHO will present a further progress report.



A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

VI. URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

This session will present the outcomes of two CFS intersessional events on “The Food Security and Nutritional Impacts of Urbanization and Rural Transformation on Lower Income Groups” and “Promoting Youth and Women Engagement and Employment in Food Systems across the Rural-urban Continuum”.



Session Rollout

The facilitator of the “Urbanization, Rural Transformation, and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition work-stream, Mr.Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands), will present the outcomes of these two events, followed by interactions from the floor.

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

VII. MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA

Multistakeholder partnerships (MSPs) are expected to play an important role in financing food security and nutrition, and the whole 2030 Agenda, through leveraging additional funds including from the private sector and philanthropic organizations.



This session will focus on knowledge and lesson-sharing on effective multistakeholder partnerships at different scales. The objective of the session is to highlight what makes them effective in financing and improving food security and nutrition at the national, regional and global levels as well as practical approaches to address the specific challenges they face.

Session Rollout

This session will be in two parts:

- A. A keynote speaker, Mr. Willem Olthof, DG DEVCO, European Commission, will summarize the findings of the 2018 HLPE Report on “Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda” that was presented at CFS 45.
- B. The moderator will outline the session, briefly provide an overview of the selected multistakeholder partnerships, and ask panellists to respond to questions on key issues during the moderated discussion, with the objective of improving understanding of how to make MSPs effective:
 1. How is your MSP funded? What can we learn from your experience in terms of innovative funding mechanisms?

2. What benefits did your MSP bring in terms of financing and improving food security and nutrition?
3. How do you ensure your MSP serves public interest (versus the interest of its members)? What lessons would you like to share?
4. How do the internal governance factors of your MSP contribute to addressing challenges specific to MSPs (tensions among partners, power asymmetries and transaction costs)? Do you have an experience to share that would be useful to make MSPs more effective?

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

VIII. AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THAT ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

The HLPE Report on “Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition” forms the basis of this agenda item. The objective of this moderated session is to provide plenary with an opportunity to discuss the policy relevant findings and recommendations of the report and give guidance on the issues to be addressed during the CFS policy convergence process that will start at CFS 46.

Session Rollout

This agenda item will be in two parts:

- A. The Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee, Mr. Patrick Caron, will introduce the report. The HLPE Project Team Leader, Mr. Fergus Sinclair, will present an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE Report, focusing on the implications for the CFS policy convergence process. Delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions on the findings of the report.
- B. Following this a moderated discussion with floor will take place based on these guiding questions:
 1. What are the priority policy issues to be addressed during the CFS policy convergence process?
 2. Are these policy issues fully addressed in the recommendations provided by the HLPE Report?
 3. Are any important policy issues missing in the HLPE Report?



Following the discussions a summary of this agenda item will be read out by the Chair and then forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.


IX. MARKING THE KICK-OFF OF THE UN DECADE ON FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028

Family farming produces over 80% of the world’s food, while also improving environmental sustainability and preserving and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems. The UN Decade for Family Farming, which is running from 2019 – 2028, builds on the success of the International Year of Family Farming in 2014. FAO and IFAD are the lead UN agencies for the Decade, which was launched in May 2019. The Decade will focus efforts of the international community to work collectively on the design and implementation of comprehensive economic, environmental, and social policies in order to create a conducive environment for family farming.




To mark the decade, a “Family Farming Package” of CFS policy guidelines and recommendations has been assembled, to showcase the many ways CFS is focused on smallholders:


CFS FAMILY FARMING PACKAGE




United Nations
Decade of
FAMILY FARMING
2019-2028




Voluntary guidelines
on the responsible
governance of tenure




Principles for
Responsible
Investment in
Agriculture and Food
Systems




Connecting
Smallholders
to Markets




Voluntary Guidelines to support
the progressive realization of
the right to adequate food



Sustainable
agricultural
development for food
security and nutrition



Sustainable fisheries
and aquaculture for
food security and
nutrition



Investing in
smallholder
agriculture for
food security

Session Rollout:

Costa Rica, Chair of the Decade of Family Farming Steering Committee, will make a presentation followed by interactions from the floor based on the following guiding questions:

1. How can the Decade benefit from CFS policy guidance while further supporting the broader use of this guidance?
2. What are the connections between the International Year of Family Farming and the other international years and decades such as the Decade of Action on Nutrition, the Decade on Water, and the Decade on Biodiversity?

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

X. THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2023

This session, moderated by the CFS Chair, will conclude consultations carried out during the intersessional period with endorsement of the first CFS four-year Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW). In line with the Independent Evaluation, CFS stakeholders will have the opportunity to highlight their priorities and reflect on how CFS, by tackling hunger and malnutrition in all of its forms, will spur achievement of the SDGs.



Following guidance provided by the CFS Evaluation and a subsequent Implementation Report, plenary discussion at CFS 45 on critical and emerging issues, began discussions on a preliminary proposals presented by CFS Members and Participants at the First MYPoW open Meeting in early 2019. The resulting draft MYPoW is comprehensive and realistic, proposing a strategic four-year plan that considers the resources needed for its implementation, and resource-mobilization potential.

Session Rollout:

The CFS Chair will present the MYPoW and invite interventions based on the following guiding questions:

1. The full package of proposals are multi-faceted, and potentially complementary. How does the full CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 align with your constituency's priorities?
2. How does your constituency plan to actively engage in various MYPoW activities to maximize - from the outset - impact at country and regional level?
3. The effective implementation of the CFS thematic workstreams will require broader partnerships with relevant actors for each of the thematic areas. Who should CFS engage with at the global/regional level?

Following discussion of this item, a CFS MYPoW Decision (CFS2019/46/6) will be presented for endorsement by Plenary.

XI. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SMALLHOLDERS

Smallholders comprise the largest single category of family farmers and are the main producers of the world's food supply. As well as playing an essential role in ensuring food security and nutrition locally and worldwide, they also contribute to a vast range of benefits such as maintaining employment, reducing poverty, and enhancing the sustainable management of natural resources.



This CFS 46 monitoring event will take stock of the uptake of three thematically related CFS policy recommendations that provide overall policy guidance to support smallholder agriculture. The policy recommendations are:



Connecting Smallholders
to Markets



Sustainable agricultural
development for food
security and nutrition:
what roles for livestock?



Investing in smallholder
agriculture for food
security

The event is informed by the experiences and good practices of a broad range of stakeholders in the use and application of these policy recommendations. Some 50 submissions were received from various stakeholders and are summarized in CFS2019/46/Inf 20 “Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Smallholders: Summary of Stakeholder Contributions.” The full submissions sent by stakeholders will be posted on the CFS 46 Session page in their original language.

Session Rollout:

The session will start with keynote remarks by Mr. Jan Douwe Van Der Ploeg, Wageningen University, followed by a moderated panel discussion, comprised of representatives from Member Countries, Regional Organizations, CSM and academia. Each panelist will present their experiences, paying special attention to the challenges met, results obtained, and good practices that have contributed (or are expected to contribute) to successful results. This will then be followed by interventions from the floor based on the following guiding questions:

1. How have smallholders (including women and youth) benefitted (or are expected to benefit) from the use of these policy recommendations for food security and nutrition and for the realization of the right to adequate food?
2. What were the main constraints and challenges in using these CFS policy recommendations for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders?
3. What good practices would you recommend for the successful use of CFS policy recommendations?
4. How could these policy recommendations contribute to the UN Decade of Family Farming or (further) contribute to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition for improving the food security and nutrition of smallholders, thus supporting the achievement of the SDGs?

A summary of the discussion will be read out by the Chair and forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report.

XII OTHER MATTERS

During this item, the incoming CFS Chairperson will be elected for a two-year term, as will incoming Bureau Members and their Alternates. The CFS 46 Final Report will also be adopted.



CFS 46 Special Event: Friday 18 October 10.00 - 13.00, Red Room

The Special Event will be organized by youth delegates at CFS. The objective is for CFS stakeholders to:

- Engage in a structured dialogue with the youth delegates present for CFS 46;
- Discuss youth views on the CFS Session, its Side Events, the 2020-2023 MYPoW, and how this it will help achieve SDG 2;
- Look at how CFS can better incorporate and address youth perspectives and concerns.

The session will be divided into three parts:

Part 1: Highlights of CFS 46 Session, the Side Events and SDG2

Youth delegates will give their feedback on the CFS session and the Side Events, highlighting those items that they think will most effectively accelerate progress on SDG 2.

Part 2: Youth and the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023

Youth delegates will kick off this item by discussing the MYPoW, especially the proposed “youth”-themed workstream, “Putting youth at the centre: engaging youth in FSN policies and practices; and promoting (rural) decent jobs for youth in agriculture and food systems.” They will also put forward ideas on how a youth lens can be mainstreamed across the other proposed workstreams.

Part 3: Youth and CFS policy work

The session will explore the question – “How can youth support the uptake of existing and future CFS policy recommendations and guidelines?” What actions and steps can be taken by youth to ensure that key food security and nutrition stakeholders are taking actions to utilize/apply these CFS recommendations and guidelines systematically and effectively?

The youth delegates will prepare a summary of the event which will be posted on the CFS 46 Session page.