

CFS Bureau meetings

Dates: 29 September (9:30 – 11:10 and 11:20 – 13:30)

Venue: virtual meetings (via ZOOM)

Bureau Meetings Outcomes

Agenda

1. Meeting with the candidates for CFS Chair 2021-2023
2. Planning for CFS 49
3. UNFSS and CFS (with Bureau decision)
4. Any Other Business

CFS Chairperson, Mr Thanawat Tiensin, opened the meeting, welcomed members, participants and invited guests, and presented the provisional agenda, which was adopted without changes. Before starting the meeting, the CFS Chairperson informed participants that the meeting with the two candidates would be recorded and posted on the CFS webpage for reference; the second meeting with the Bureau would be recorded for internal use by the CFS Secretariat.

1. Meeting with the candidates for CFS Chair 2021-2023

CFS Chair introduced the candidates for CFS Chairperson: H.E. Gabriel Ferrero (Spain) and Mr MOUNGUI MÉDI (Cameroon). The two candidates presented their statements and their visions, and responded to questions from the audience. A video recording of the meeting is available here https://youtu.be/kGKpn7_tYos

CFS Secretary responded to a question on regional rotation, referring to written advice provided by FAO Legal Counsel earlier shared with the CFS Bureau, that clarified that an individual's qualifications and experience is the key determining factor for any such candidacy.

FAO briefed Members on the election process, which will mirror procedures followed for the election of FAO's Independent Chair of Council, and encouraged them to register for CFS 49 as a pre-requisite for voting eligibility.

Further information on the election process has been shared with all CFS Members through the Members Gateway.

2. Planning for CFS 49

CFS Secretariat provided an update on the content of CFS 49, and informed that a small number of speakers will be confirmed in the next days, with their names updated on the Guide to CFS 49 which is available on the CFS website.

Answering a question from the Bureau, CFS Secretariat confirmed that the Plenary will be webcast via the CFS' YouTube channel.

CFS Secretariat also encouraged Ministers who wish to send pre-recorded video statements to do so in advance, and as early as possible.

CFS Chair urged Africa, Asia, Near East and Latin America and Caribbean Regions to nominate their representatives for Drafting Committee, and for a volunteer as Drafting Committee Chairperson.

3. UNFSS and CFS (with Bureau decision)

CFS Chairperson shared a presentation highlighting references made during the UNFSS to CFS, its HLPE, and other announcements in terms of follow-up measures. Those slides are available on the CFS Working Space at:

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/cfs/Docs2021/Bur/210929_Bur/CFS_Bureau_Mtg_29_Sept_final.pdf

Several Members highlighted the non-negotiated nature of the Secretary-General's Chair's Summary and his 'Statement of Action,' arguing that the absence of any mandate from Members regarding implementation of ideas contained in those documents meant that FAO Governing Bodies was the proper location to debate such issues and agreeing to any follow-up actions.

Bureau Members underscored that CFS would support UNFSS outcomes by implementing its MYPoW. Any additional actions could be debated at plenary.

Bureau decision:

CFS Bureau agreed on revised Draft Conclusions for item IV 'The UN Food Systems Summit and its implications for CFS' to be presented to the plenary on 12 October 2021, and agreed that this revised document would be distributed as a session document in English, while awaiting other language versions. The revised Draft Conclusions are available as Annex 1.

4. AOB

Nothing to discuss.

Annex 1: Revised Draft Conclusions for item IV ‘The UN Food Systems Summit and its implications for CFS’

1. The Committee:
 - a. Congratulates the United Nations Secretary General, his Special Envoy, and all those involved in organizing the 23 and 24 September 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit;
 - b. Takes note of the background paper prepared by the CFS Secretariat on “The United Nations 2021 Food Systems Summit and its Implications for the Committee on World Food Security”;
 - c. Takes note of a presentation delivered by [.....];

2. The Committee takes note of the potential implications of the UNFSS on the CFS and its HLPE, and looks forward to further analysis and consideration of next steps within the Bureau, in consultation with all Members, the Advisory Group, and other participants.

Annex 2: List of attendees of the Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Thanawat Tiensin (CFS Chair / Thailand); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Mr Bommakanti Rajender (India); Mr Caka Awal (Indonesia); Ms Halimatou Traore Kone (Mali); Mr Zeineb Ely Salem (Mauritania); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Mr Moisés Morera Martín (Spain); Mr Sean Cox, Mr Andrian McAdams (United States).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Elsa Simoes (Cabo Verde); Mr Maarten de Goot (Canada); Ms Diana Infante (Dominican Republic); Ms Delphine Babin-Pellier, Mr Jean Guedon (France); Ms Marie Bassene (Senegal); Mr Tim Kranzlein (Switzerland).

Observers:

Mr Damien Kelly (EU Delegation); Ms Silke Stralkamp (Germany); Mr Bjorg Skotnes (Norway).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Chris Hegadorn (CFS Secretary), Mr Evariste Nicoletis (HLPE Coordinator), Ms Elise Benoit, Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Waiganjo Njoroge, Ms Sylvia Orebi, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Mr Martin Schunk, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Paola Termine, Mr Massimo Giorgi.