

CFS Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group meeting and CFS Bureau meeting

Dates: 23 May 2023

Time: 09:30 -12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00

Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + German Room)

## Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau Decisions

### Agenda 23 May

- A. *Thematic Segment: Social Protection - Impact of Global Crises on Food Security and Nutrition and Role of Social Protection Response***
- B. BurAG and Bureau Agenda Items**
  1. CFS 51 Provisional Timetable – Revised version (BurAG item 1 /Bur Item 2)
  2. CFS 51 Guide (BurAG Items 2/Bur Item3)
  3. CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise (BurAG Item 3/
  4. CFS Workstream Updates (BurAG Item 4/Bur Item 6)
  5. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (Bur Item 1)
  6. Procedures for the election of the CFS Chairperson (Bur Item 4)
  7. Any Other Business ((BurAG Item 5/Bur Item 7

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio, of Spain, opened the BurAG meeting outlining the provisional agenda for the meeting, which was adopted.

Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes and that the recording of the Thematic Segment would be made available publicly.

### **A. Substantive Segment: Social Protection - Impact of Global Crises on Food Security and Nutrition and role of Social Protection Response**

The CFS Chairperson informed that, for this substantive thematic discussion on the impact of the global crises on food security and nutrition and on the role of social protection to respond to those, he had invited:

- Mr. Nicolas Bidault, Chief of Social Protection Unit, WFP;

- Mr. Marco Knowles, Senior Social Protection Officer, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), FAO; and
- H.E. Professor Dr. Bubaker Almansouri, Chairman of the National Food Security Program of Libya.

A one-hour substantive session provided the opportunity to reflect on the impact of global crises on food security and nutrition, with a specific focus on the role of social protection responses. This session facilitated a discussion on coordinated efforts in tackling food security issues, with an emphasis on social protection. WFP and FAO provided insights based on their expertise in this area and showcased their work. Professor Bubaker Almansori (Libya) complemented the intervention of the two Rome-based Agencies, highlighting national challenges and efforts. The discussion touched on the critical need for strengthening governance and coordination among Ministries, including on financing; highlighted the importance of innovation as a catalytical factor contributing to social protection; and emphasized the need for integration of social protection instruments into wider efforts at national level, including when addressing food systems, for example through insurance mechanisms.

During the discussion which followed, one of the comments pointed to the fact that this debate had been a great kick-start for the envisaged plenary discussion at CFS 51 on the uptake of the CFS policy recommendations on social protection and food security.

### **1. CFS 51 Provisional Timetable – Revised version (with Bureau discussion)**

The CFS Chairperson presented a revised version of the CFS 51 Timetable that reflected the inputs and comments provided during the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting held on 14 April.

The document was well received by Bureau and Advisory Group members who provided the following additional comments:

- It was suggested that the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food be included in the list of speakers for the opening ceremony (item 2) or the CFS Special Event on the Right-to-Food;
- It was highlighted that the overlap between items 3 and 4 in the morning of day 2 is not ideal and should be avoided as much as possible;
- With reference to the title of item 5, it was noted that the order between “empowering women” and “promoting gender equality” should be switched in order to make it consistent with the title of the Voluntary Guidelines.

The Secretariat confirmed that the election of the CFS Chairperson will take place on Friday afternoon in the context of agenda item 11.

### **Bureau discussion**

The Bureau highlighted the importance to give enough space for the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food to intervene throughout the week, and to invite him to participate as speaker in specific sessions (i.e. the Special Event scheduled for Friday morning). At the same time, it was decided to keep the list of speakers for the opening ceremony as it was originally presented.

The Bureau decided that the Special Event will be dedicated to the Right to Food, as a kick-off event of the celebrations for the upcoming 20th Anniversary from the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of National Food Security.

Bureau Members underlined the importance of the presence of the CFS Chair at the high-level segment of the World Food Day.

## **2. CFS 51 Guide (with Bureau discussion)**

The CFS Chairperson presented the Guide to CFS 51 as a ‘living’ document, which the Secretariat will keep updating with information relevant to the various sessions.

The Guide also includes important logistical information for delegates attending the session.

The Secretariat took note of some inconsistencies between the Provisional Timetable and the Guidance Note for Side Events, which will be addressed in the next version of these documents.

### **Bureau discussion**

The Bureau suggested that the session on global interlinkages include the three Rio’s Conventions, perhaps in a joint panel discussion.

## **3. CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise (with Bureau discussion)**

As part of the Advisory Group Reporting Exercise, WFP and FAO presented their annual reports on the activities carried out in 2022 to support and promote the work of CFS. The two

institutions provided a comprehensive overview of the work done in the context of the various CFS intersessional activities as well as during the Plenary, and other intersessional activities undertaken for promoting the use and application of CFS policy products on the ground. This exercise represented an interesting opportunity to present success stories from the previous year as well as voluntary commitments for 2023/24.

A second round of presentations will take place at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 19 June.

### **Bureau discussion**

In light of the high relevance of the information provided, the CFS Chair suggested that the content of the reports provided by Advisory Group Members, including the many initiatives, activities and programs mentioned, be given prominent visibility on the CFS website for broader awareness about the work and efforts undertaken the CFS family. To this effect, he suggested that short videos be recorded by representatives of the Advisory Group, including their commitments to undertake the work of the CFS.

Furthermore, considering the many activities carried out to promote the use and application of CFS policy outcomes at country level, the CFS Chair proposed that CFS Advisory Group members coordinate to present a joint proposal for a Side Event at CFS 51 to showcase their strong and active engagement in promoting the uptake of CFS policy agreements.

## **4. CFS Workstream Updates**

The CFS Chairperson provided an update on the two current policy converge processes on women and girls' empowerment and on data for food security and nutrition.

It was noted that 104 paragraphs of the Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women and Girls' Empowerment had already been agreed ad referendum, while the remaining paragraphs could be agreed ad ref. on 25 May. In this regard, it was stressed that sometime negotiations require more time than what had been originally planned, nevertheless options to conclude the negotiations were not infinite.

With regard to data, the Rapporteur, Anthony Muriithi, of Kenya, informed that the draft for negotiations had been translated in all FAO official languages and had been posted online.

Delegations were invited to register for the negotiations.

## **5. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (Bureau only)**

The CFS Chair presented a revised version of the Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report which reflected the outcomes of the Bureau meeting held on 14 April when the Bureau agreed “to keep the document as presented, pending a decision on the use of Type D”. During that meeting, different views were expressed on whether a reference to a Chair’s Summary should be included or not in the Final Report, which led the Bureau to request more time to take a decision on this particular item.

On 23 May, Bureau again did not find consensus on this matter, and therefore it decided to postpone this decision to next Bureau meeting taking place on 19 June 2023.

It was clarified that the preparation of a summary is, in principle, a duty of the CFS Chairperson, as stated in the CFS Rules of Procedure (Rule X, paragraph 1): “[...] A summary by the Chairperson will also be released embodying minority views. [...]”

## **6. Procedures for the election of the CFS Chairperson (Bureau only)**

In view of the election of the next CFS Chairperson – foreseen on Friday 27 October at CFS 51 – a note outlining the procedures for the election and submission of nominations and including a list with names, country, and regions of previous Chairs, was presented.

In light of the provisions included in the CFS Rules of Procedure, it was highlighted that any nomination for the CFS Chair position should reach the CFS Secretary no later than Friday 22 September, and they should include name and CV of the nominees. The CFS Secretary will then communicate to the Membership the nominations received by 29 September.

## **7. AOB**

No further topics were discussed.

## Annex 1: Attendance list for the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

### CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya/Vice-Chair); Ms Antonietta Patricelli (Angola); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Ms Diana Infante, Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); Mr Mohamed Iemine Cheikh Oubey (Mauritania); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Ronit Gerard, Mr Andrian McAdams, Mr Sean Cox (USA).

### CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Maarten De Groot (Canada); Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Ms Erma Rneindayani (Indonesia); Mr Manar Al Sabah (Kuwait); Mr Jan Bade (Netherlands); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); Mr Barend Jacobus Lombard (South Africa).

### Advisory Group:

Mr Maximo Torero, Ms Dubravka Bojic (FAO); Ms Elena Bertusi (IFAD); Mr Nils Grede, Mr Hugh McDaid, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Ms Stineke Oenema, Ms Alessandra Mora (UN Nutrition); Mr James Garrett (CGIAR); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Ms Hala Barakat, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Nora McKeon, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Giulia Simula, Mr Dee Woods, Ms Saima Zia (CSIPM); Ms Robynne Anderson, Ms Rosemary Navarrete, Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Matheus Zanella (GAFF); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF); Ms Ludovica Donati (PFM).

### Observers:

Mr Matthijs van Huijgevoort (EU); Ms Lieselot Germonprez (Belgium); Ms Irene Patassini (Italy).

### CFS Secretariat:

Mr Günter Hemrich, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Ms Françoise Trine, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Anne Marie Thow, Ms Shikhandri Mahanta, Ms Raquel Morato (CFS Secretariat), Mr Evariste, Ms Paola Termine, Ms Silvia Meiattini, Ms Louna Hardan (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

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