



HLPE Steering Committee 2023 renewal (7th term)

TECHNICAL NOTE on the RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CFS BUREAU by the Ad-Hoc Technical Selection Committee 25 May 2023

This note presents the AHTSC proposal to the CFS Bureau on the renewal of the composition of the Steering Committee of the HLPE for its seventh term, from October 2023 until October 2025.

Much emphasis has been placed on visual representations in order to inform the Bureau's deliberations.

Introduction

1. Reference texts for the HLPE and its components

According to **the 2009 CFS Reform document** ([CFS:2009/2 Rev.2](#)):

38. The HLPE [has] two main components:

- i. A **Steering Committee** composed of at least 10 and not exceeding 15 internationally recognized experts in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields.
- ii. **Ad hoc project teams** constituting a larger subsidiary network of food security and nutrition experts acting on a project-specific basis, selected and managed by the HLPE Steering Committee to analyse/report on specific issues.

43. The CFS Bureau, in close cooperation with FAO management and drawing from applicable FAO legal texts, will solicit nominations for the HLPE Steering Committee.

- i. **The Steering Committee should reflect an assortment of technical disciplines, regional expertise and representation. Ideal candidates will have relevant experience working with cross-disciplinary expert processes.**
 - ii. Members of the Steering Committee will participate in their individual capacities, and not as representatives of their respective governments, institutions or organizations.
 - iii. Members of the Steering Committee will serve for a 2-year period, renewable once.
44. **The CFS Bureau will designate an ad hoc technical selection committee** comprised of representatives from among the Rome-based food/agriculture agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD, CGIAR/Bioversity, a CSO/NGO representative) to choose the Steering Committee members. **The ad hoc technical selection committee will submit its recommendations to the CFS Bureau for approval.**

2. Members of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Selection Committee in 2023

This year, the Director-General of FAO, the Executive Director of WFP, the president of IFAD, the CSIPM and the Chairperson of CGIAR have appointed the following representatives:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Ismahane Elouafi
World Food Programme (WFP)	Arif Husain
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Joyce Njoro
Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM)	Mamadou Goïta
Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)	James Stapleton

At the opening of the meeting, the members entrusted the chairmanship of the meeting to Ms Elouafi.

I. The call for applications

1. Generalities

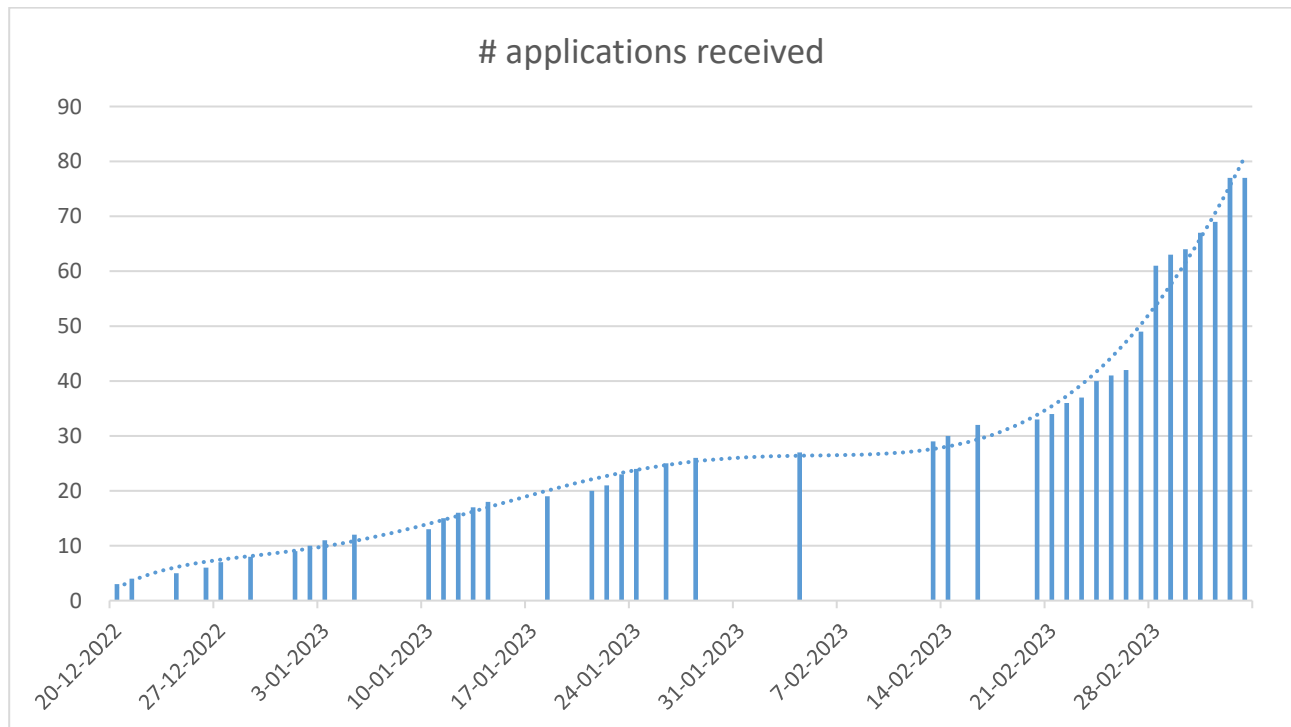
A [call for nomination of experts](#) was open from 19 December 2022 until 5 March 2023, as per the CFS Chairperson’s letter of the 19 December 2022 in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [French](#).

2. Applications

a. The HLPE Secretariat received applications from 77 individual candidates

Among these, 8 current members of the Steering Committee were applying for a second consecutive term.

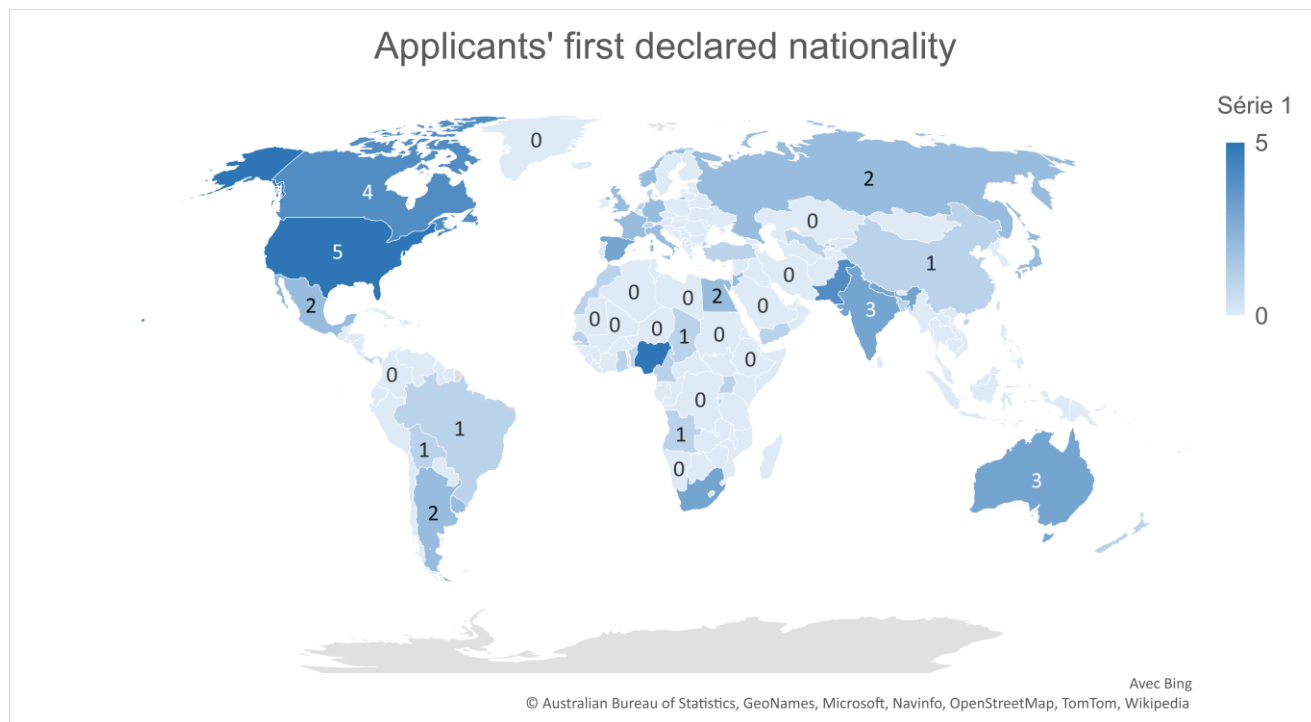
Almost 60% of the applications were received in the last two weeks of the call:



b. Statistics related to the candidates

i. Nationalities and regional distribution

As in previous renewals, the geographical distribution of candidates reflects the strong interest of experts from certain regions, and certain countries, for the HLPE. A particular effort will have to be made to encourage vocations in other regions, in particular Oceania (excluding OECD member countries).



Regional distribution	Candidates	
South-Saharan Africa	16	21%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	7	9%
Latin America and the Caribbean	9	12%
Northern America	9	12%
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia	3	4%
Central and Southern Asia	11	14%
Europe	18	23%
Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand)	0	0%
Australia and/or New Zealand	4	5%
Total	77	100%

ii. Scientific expertise

The disciplines constituting the technical requirements from the candidates are all represented, with a particular focus on food systems and food supply chains, followed by nutrition and food consumption, then by agricultural systems.

Applicants' fields of expertise	Main field of expertise	Overall recognized expertise
Food systems and food supply chains	17	40
Nutrition and food consumption	17	35
Agricultural systems	11	31
Other	9	
Economics	8	17
Natural resources and environment	8	31
Governance and rights	3	22
Sociology	2	13
Livestock	1	13
Political Sciences	1	20
Urban and peri-urban development	1	17
Knowledge management	0	26
Statistics	0	16

iii. Regional expertise

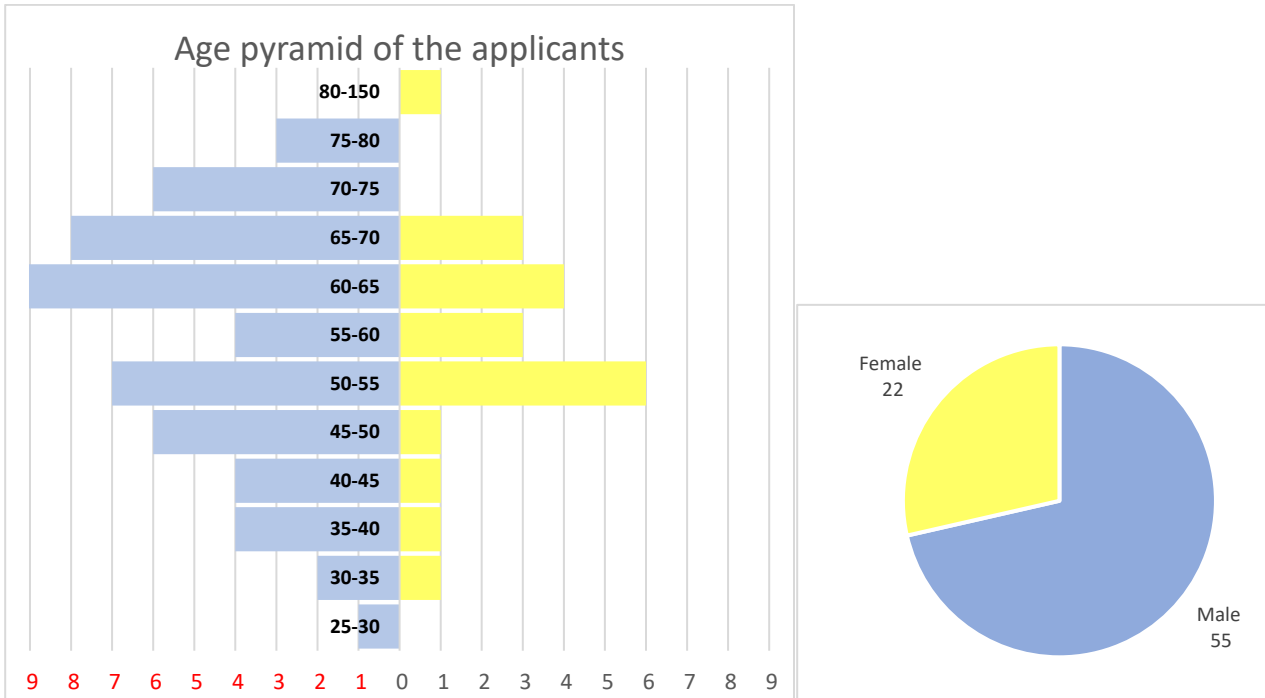
The regional expertise of the candidates is distributed over all regions of the world, with disparities that partly reflect the geographical origin of the candidates.

Regional expertise	Applicants	
Latin America and the Caribbean	24	13%
Northern America	20	11%
Europe	27	15%
South-Saharan Africa	38	21%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	17	9%
Central and Southern Asia	24	13%
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia	19	10%
Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand)	6	3%
Australia and/or New Zealand	7	4%

iv. Age and gender repartitions

The analysis of the applications received show:

- A higher proportion of male applicants (55 people, or 71%) over female applicants (22, or 29%);
- The impact of the level of experience requested on the age distribution of applicants.



II. Assessment of the candidates

1. Rule V of procedure of the CFS, part of the [Basic texts of the FAO](#), establishes that:

The Steering Committee shall consist of between ten and fifteen highly reputable, internationally-recognized experts on food security and nutrition-related fields, appointed in their personal capacity for a term of office of two years, renewable consecutively only once.

The Steering Committee should reflect an assortment of technical disciplines, balance of regional expertise as well as consideration of gender representation. Ideal candidates will have relevant experience working with cross-disciplinary expert processes. They should have a broad vision and substantial experience in cross-disciplinary expert processes. They should be experienced professionals, holding an advanced university degree, proven record of publications **and/or** solid background in field/research project management in the area of food security and nutrition. **Most importantly** they should have strong experience in managing groups or networks of experts, extensive communication and inter-personal skills, leadership skills, and, drawing from their international recognition by peers, the capacity to attract and draw expert networks.

The full detailed methodology is available at [this link](#).

2. Method for the elaboration of the proposal

From the above rules, the AHTSC established weighted criteria for the assessment of the applications received:

- Individual criteria:
 - Curricula, academic and professional experience (62 %)
 - Higher profile criteria (38 %)
- Group criteria:
 - Between 1/3 and 1/2 of the former StC members being reappointed;
 - 10 to 15 members;
 - Reflecting an assortment of technical disciplines related to FSN;
 - Reflecting a balanced assortment of regional expertise;
 - Considering gender representation.

A database has then been constituted to implement the selection process.

A full-ranked list was generated from the database, based on the individual criteria of selection, which served as a basis for the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee (AHTSC).

During its deliberations, the AHTSC took due consideration of the group criteria, as well as regional representation and gender balance.

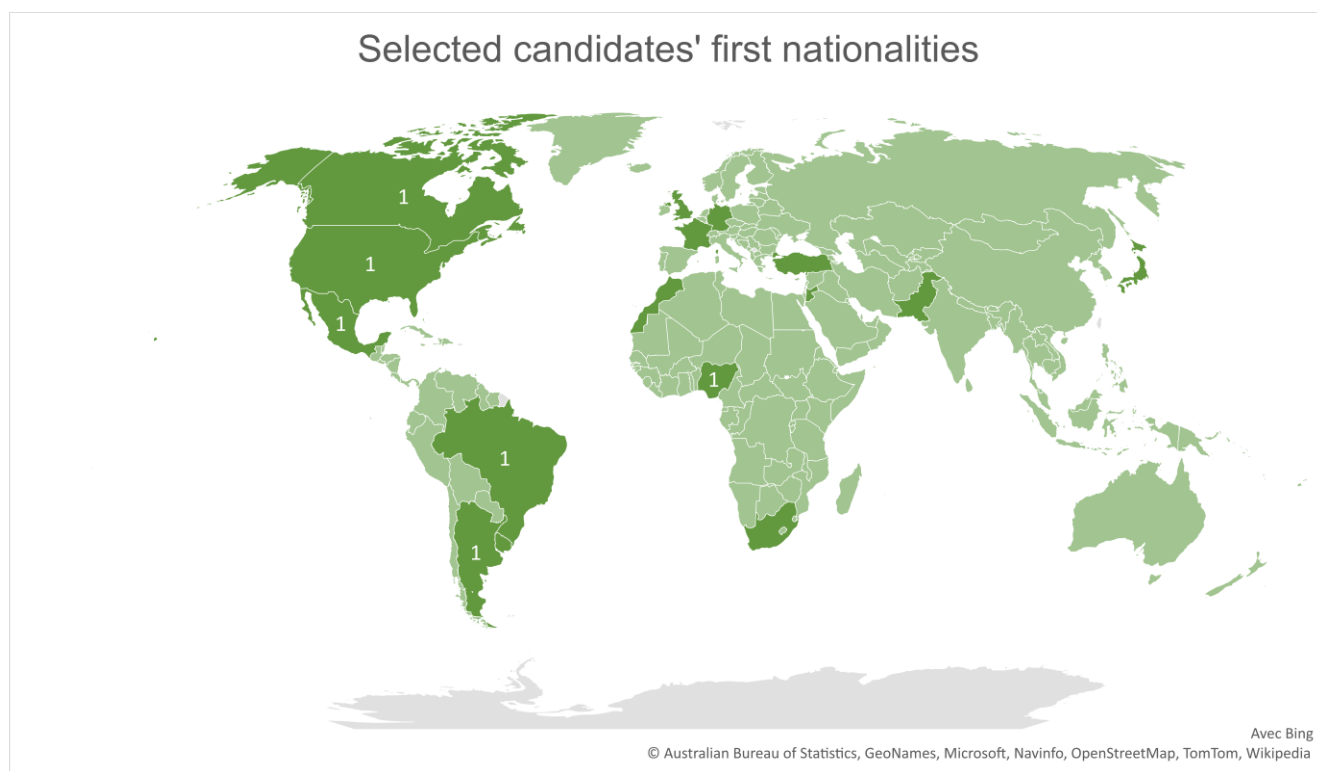
III. Proposal to the Bureau

1. List of 15 experts

Ms	Adeyemo	Olanike	Nigeria	South-Saharan Africa
Ms	Amiot-Carlin	Marie-Josèphe	France	Europe
Mr	Azam-Ali	Sayed	Pakistan	Central and Southern Asia
Mr	Duwayri	Mahmud	Jordan	Northern Africa and Western Asia
Mr	Echeverría	Ruben	Uruguay	Latin America and the Caribbean
Ms	Elizondo	Nilda	Mexico	Latin America and the Caribbean
Ms	Elver	Hilal	Türkiye	Northern Africa and Western Asia
Mr	Fraser	Evan	Canada	Northern America
Ms	Recine	Elisabetta	Brazil	Latin America and the Caribbean
Ms	Schönfeldt	Hettie	South Africa	South-Saharan Africa
Mr	Serraj	Rachid	Morocco	Northern Africa and Western Asia
Ms	Suwa-Eisenmann	Akiko	Japan	Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
Mr	Tangermann	Stefan	Germany	Europe
Mr	Webb	Patrick	United States of America	Northern America
Mr	Wright	Iain	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Europe

2. Statistics related to the selection

a. Nationalities and regional representation



Regional representation	Final list	
Latin America and the Caribbean	3	20%
Northern America	2	13%
Europe	3	20%
South-Saharan Africa	2	13%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	3	20%
Central and Southern Asia	1	7%
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia	1	7%
Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand)	0	0%
Australia and/or New Zealand	0	0%
	15	100%

b. Scientific expertise

Fields of expertise	Main	Overall recognized expertise
Food systems and food supply chains	1	11
Agricultural systems	1	7
Political Sciences	0	7
Natural resources and environment	0	6
Knowledge management	0	6
Nutrition and food consumption	1	5
Governance and rights	0	4
Economics	3	3
Livestock	1	3
Statistics	0	3
Urban and peri-urban development	0	2
Sociology	0	1

c. Regional expertise

Regional expertise	Final list	
South-Saharan Africa	10	24%
Europe	7	17%
Central and Southern Asia	6	15%
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia	5	12%
Northern America	4	10%
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Latin America and the Caribbean	3	7%
Australia and/or New Zealand	1	2%
Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand)	1	2%

d. Age and gender distribution

