

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

Dates: 19 June 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 19 June 2023

Bureau and Advisory Group and Bureau agenda items

1. CFS MYPoW 2024–2027 – Discussion on the First Draft – (BurAG item 1 /Bur Item 1)
2. CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise (BurAG Items 2)
3. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (Bur Item 2)
4. HLPE-FSN Steering Committee renewal (Bur Item 3)
5. Any other business (BurAG Item 3/Bur Item 4)

First, the CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio, of Spain, opened the BurAG meeting informing about his participation at the Second Global Parliamentary Summit in Valparaiso (Chile), which will be the subject of a more comprehensive briefing at the BurAG meeting in July/September.

Second, the CFS Chairperson outlined the provisional agenda for the meeting, which was adopted. And last, participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

1. CFS MYPoW 2024–2027 – Discussion on the First Draft (with Bureau discussion)

The CFS Chairperson introduced the agenda item by recalling that this was the synthesis phase of the MYPoW preparation process, in which the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, considered the feedback received during the second open meeting and would take decisions on thematic workstreams and supporting activities to be included in the new MYPoW. He also highlighted that the First Draft included both thematic workstreams that received greater support during the 17 May Open Meeting (highlighted in green in the First Draft) and other thematic workstreams which required further deliberations.

During the open discussion, Bureau and Advisory Group members provided their comments on the First Draft of the MYPoW. In particular, some Members and participants:

- welcomed the structure of the First Draft;
- stressed the importance of developing a realistic programme of work;

- recognized the *Overview table and tentative timeline* (annex IV.) as a useful visual tool;
- requested that in the next draft cost estimates are included for each of the agreed activities.

For the second round of interventions, the CFS Chair invited Bureau and Advisory Group members to share more specific feedback to inform the preparation of the next draft.

Some Members and Participants:

- Highlighted that Climate Change and Biodiversity were relevant to CFS and to the global food security agenda, and expressed support for the proposal on these topics, particularly in relation to Strategic Function 2 (Policy) – and including the preparation of a HLPE-FSN Report on this matter. Other members were less supportive of this proposal;
- Expressed overall support for including the Building Resilient Food Systems thematic workstream in the next MYPoW as a contribution to Strategic Function 2 (Policy), including the preparation of a HLPE-FSN report on this matter;
- Stressed the importance of considering the impact of unilateral coercive measures as a thematic workstream, though this was met with strong opposition from several Bureau Members and received little support;
- Suggested to consider the establishment of a Digital Platform for good practices and experiences that may also contribute to strengthening the impact of CFS and the uptake of its policy agreements as concrete output of Strategic Function 1 (Platform), as well as the establishment of indicators that could strengthen Strategic Function 3 (Uptake) to track countries' efforts in applying the CFS policy instruments;
- Suggested some changes to the rationale and objectives section of the proposal on Coordinating policy responses to emerging global food crises;
- Highlighted the importance not to limit the events on the Right to Food: Actions towards 2030 workstream to New York only, but also to keep the Rome-based community involved, bearing in mind that the Right to Food should be considered as an overarching topic of this upcoming MYPoW. Moreover, it was suggested that CFS could address this topic during the next round of FAO Regional Conferences. With regards to the events on Right to Food, it was suggested, as a role for the HLPE –FSN, the preparation of a background note for the events;
- Expressed the importance of integrating the crucial role of small-scale fisheries for food security and nutrition in support of the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for

Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication;

- Expressed full support for the in-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase global awareness and use of CFS policy outcomes workstream as a mean to improve the uptake of relevant CFS policy agreements. It was suggested that this thematic workstream would require the nomination a Rapporteur from among CFS Members, and the establishment of an OEWG; and
- Suggested to select one HLPE-FSN topic for the report of 2028, after the release of the HLPE-FSN Note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues, while others recalled the CFS 50 plenary decision to select the topic already in 2023.

Bureau discussion

Bureau Members reiterated most of the points raised during the morning's discussion. In addition, Members:

- Suggested to include in the new MYPoW a reference to the need to develop focused, actionable, and concise policy documents which length shall be clearly defined in the Terms of Reference.
- Reiterated the importance of flexibility in the implementation of the MYPoW and the need to consider possible adjustments as part of the regular updates carried out by the Plenary each year, taking into account resource and workload implications.
- Reiterated the importance of not duplicating work done by other fora, in particular with regards to the targets for biodiversity approved during UNCBD COP15, but rather maximize the synergies with those processes and enhance the Right to Food perspective and their implications on SDG 2 (and vice-versa).

Strategic Function 1:

- Reiterated the unanimous support to the Right to Food workstream.
- Discussed and welcome the proposal put forward by FAO on a digital platform in support of the collaborative governance workstream, if resources are available, and potentially having this workstream as an “umbrella” one under Strategic Function 1.
- Discussed the convenience of aligning the topics on financing with the 2025 Addis Ababa +10 Summit on FFD and discussing this topic early in the MYPOW, in view of the urgent need to boost progress towards the SDGs.

- Suggested to address the proposal on “Localizing SDG2: multilevel governance workstream” within the workstream on “Collaborative governance”, in advance of the policy convergence process on urban and peri-urban food systems.
- Expressed the preference to drop the proposal on the role and the rights of agrifood systems workers as a workstream for policy convergence, in view of the recently agreed Guidelines on the topic by ILO, and instead consider this workstream under a CFS platform function, in collaboration with ILO;
- Expressed diverging views on including a workstream on unilateral coercive measures in the MYPOW.
- Suggested to consider including the preparation of a HLPE-FSN Note as a background document for activities contributing to Strategic Function 1 (Platform);

Strategic Function 2:

- Members deliberated on the scope of workstream 2.3 on Indigenous Peoples food and knowledge systems, cautioning not to overlap with the negotiations at WIPO on this issue.
- Reiterating the relevance of the workstream on sustainable fisheries, deliberated on the importance of ensuring no duplication with the existing FAO VG on SSF (similar case as with the ILO Guidelines).
- Reiterated the relevance of the issue of climate change and biodiversity, yet more as a “platform” workstream than as a policy convergence one.
- The Chair highlighted that CFS plenary conclusions on specific themes should also be considered as policy outcomes, considering their negotiated nature, and that a better use of those outcomes (eg through a wider dissemination as a CFS policy outcome, through labelling those in a more appealing way, through a more elaborated text similar to a Resolution, amongst others.)

Strategic Function 3:

- Reaffirmed the full support for thematic workstream 3.1, while the proposal mentioned in the morning session of creating indicators for Strategic Function 3 was not supported;
- Agreed that the efforts to enhance the impact of CFS and the uptake of CFS outcomes should not wait to the conclusion of the workstream 3.1, and that these collective efforts should be reinforced since day 1 of the MYPOW.

The CFS Chair closed this item by recalling the importance for Bureau and Advisory Group members to submit written inputs on the First Draft by 26 June.

2. CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise

As part of the CFS Advisory Group Reporting Exercise, IFAD, UN Nutrition, WHO and CGIAR presented their annual reports on the activities carried out in 2022 to support and promote the work of CFS. A third round of presentations will take place at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in July.

In closing the item, the CFS Chair underlined the many significant activities undertaken by the Advisory Group members and suggested the realization of posters and other infographics to be displayed during the CFS 51 Plenary to disseminate those activities and the associated results.

3. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (Bureau only)

Bureau decision

The Bureau approved the Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report, as it was presented by the CFS Chairperson. The Bureau agreed that the procedure established for items 3 and 10 – the so-called “Type D” - will have to be re-discussed next year and that it does not represent a precedent that will be automatically replicated.

The CFS Chair confirmed that he will prepare a Chair’s Summary to reflect minority views and that will be circulated after the Plenary.

4. HLPE-FSN Steering Committee renewal (Bureau only)

Ismahane Elouafi, FAO Chief Scientist, and Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee (AHTSC), presented the AHTSC’s recommendation for the renewal of the HLPE-FSN Steering Committee for the biennium starting at the closure of the Plenary of October 2023. In her presentation, she mentioned the applications received and the methodology used by the AHTSC for the analysis and the selection of the applicants.

She informed about the composition of the AHTSC, with one representative from each of the following organizations and mechanism: FAO, IFAD, WFP, CGIAR and CSIPM; she recalled the relevant Rules of Procedure; and she informed about the applications received: a total of 77 applicants from 43 countries, 55 males and 22 females, with scientific expertise on a broad assortment of technical disciplines related to food security and nutrition.

The second part of her presentation focused on the assessment methodology which, following CFS rules and Bureau recommendations, considered both individual criteria of the candidates, and group criteria, that looked at the characteristics of the selected group.

In concluding, she presented the AHTSC's recommendation to the CFS Bureau for the final list of candidates to be considered for the 7th Steering Committee of the HLPE-FSN. This final list includes 8 current members of the HLPE-FSN Steering Committee and 7 new members, for a total of 15 members, 7 women and 8 men.

After the presentation, Members of the Bureau had the opportunity to discuss the report and raised a number of questions, especially on the next steps of the process of renewal and regretted the non-representation of the South-West Pacific region in the final list.

The CFS Chair concluded this item by requesting the AHTSC, before the Bureau confirmed its approval, to consider whether, within the methodological rules set for the assessment of the applications, the regional balance could be improved.

5. AOB

Upon their request, CSIPM raised two issues:

- a) The persistent inability of CSIPM to access their former office at FAO Headquarters, as the new agreement with FAO management is still under processing and the old agreement has expired.
- b) The financial constraints faced by the mechanism which may hamper its participation in the next meetings, including the Plenary. These constraints are mostly determined by delays in receiving financial contributions from their usual donors.

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); Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Mr Sean Cox (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Maarten De Groot (Canada); Mr Purna Cita Nugraha (Indonesia); Ms Yvonne van Laarhoven (Netherlands); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); Mr Barend Jacobus Lombard (South Africa).

Advisory Group:

Mr Maximo Torero, Ms Dubravka Bojic, Ms Anna Rappazzo (FAO); Ms Elena Bertusi, Ms Wei Wang (IFAD); 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, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Mariam Mohammad, Ms Saima Zia (CSIPM); Ms Robynne Anderson, Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF); Ms Marjolein Smit (WHO).

CFS Secretariat:

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

Annex 2: Attendance list Bureau meeting

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Observers:

Ms Ismahane Elouafi (Chief Scientist, FAO); Ms Hannes Remmert (EU); Ms Josyline Javelosa (Philippines);

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