



Workstreams and Activities Updates

*****These updates cover the period since the 27-28 September 2022 CFS Bureau&Advisory and Bureau Meetings*****

1. Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition:

The Bureau confirmed the nomination of Anthony Murithii, Alternate Permanent Representative of Kenya to the RBAs, as the Rapporteur for this policy convergence process.

The Open-Ended Working Group will have its first meeting on 12 January 2023, to kick-start the preparation of the V0 Draft of the Policy Recommendations.

Next meetings will be held on 06 February and on 23 March 2023.

2. Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment

At CFS 50, the Committee reiterated its support for an inclusive and consensus-based process to achieve agreement on the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition for presentation to CFS 51. As requested, the Chair will convene a Friends of the Chair's meeting to discuss the working method and the ways forward on 8 February 2023. A Chair's proposal for the draft *CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition* will be made available ahead of the meeting.

As part of his efforts to promote gender equality, the Chair participated as a keynote speaker in the launch on 18 October 2021 of the second annual [Global Food 50/50 Report](#), a joint initiative of Global Health 50/50, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and UN Women, and authored the foreword to the Report.

3. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2024-2027

On 22 December, a letter from the CFS Chairperson has been circulated along with additional background documents to support preparations of preliminary proposals for the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2024-2027, which will be discussed at the first Open Meeting scheduled for 23 February 2023.

CFS stakeholders are kindly requested to submit their preliminary proposals by Monday, 6 February 2023, using the template that has been circulated and following the indications and criteria that have been provided.

All relevant information and background documents are available in the [CFS MYPoW Working Space](#).

An informal briefing will be organized by the CFS Secretariat before the indicated deadline to provide you with an overview of the process leading to the development of the MYPoW and to address any question you may have.

If you wish to receive future communications on this subject, please sign up to the [CFS MYPoW-dedicated mailing list](#).

4. Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition

At its 50th Plenary Session, the Committee on World Food Security endorsed its Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition. After their endorsement, the CFS Chair said: *“In a moment of global crisis, solutions will come from young people. These policy recommendations will serve as an ambitious and action-oriented policy tool to empower young people in agriculture and food systems enabling them to take the future into their own hands”*.

Ambassador Pio Wennubst (Switzerland) who chaired the process of their development underlined the collective efforts that made it possible to successfully conclude this process and noted that endorsement of the policy recommendations delivers the message of hope we need especially at a time when the world is facing unprecedented global crisis.

CFS stakeholders are warmly invited to disseminate these policy recommendations within their constituencies and to promote their implementation and uptake, recognizing that they are designed to be tools and resources for use in shaping national policies, investment plan, legislations and development programmes that include the youth and respond to their needs and priorities.

5. High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (CFS HLPE-FSN)

Following the in-person drafting meeting for the HLPE-FSN report #18 “Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition” (United Kingdom, September 2022), the HLPE-FSN released the V0 draft report for e-consultation on the FSN Forum platform from 22 November 2022 to 15 January 2023. The HLPE-FSN launched its 3rd Note on Critical, emerging and enduring issues on food security and nutrition, through a very well attended virtual event on 30 September 2022. HLPE-FSN Steering Committee members met in Rome from 17 to 21 October 2022, and some of the members attended events at the Science and Innovation Days the following week.

Following agreement at CFS 50 on the theme of the HLPE-FSN 2024 report, which will focus on “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”, the HLPE-FSN launched the call for experts for drafting the

report (open until 30th January 2023) and will shortly launch the e-consultation on the scope of the report, through the FSN forum.

The HLPE-FSN also launched the call for nominations for the renewal of its Steering Committee. The call is open from 19 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 and can be accessed at the link

<https://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/insights/news-insights/news-detail/hlpe-fsn-steering-committee-renewal-call-for-nominations/en>

6. Reducing Inequalities for food security and nutrition

CFS convened a [half-day public event](#) on 22 November 2022 at IFAD Headquarters on “*Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition*”. The objective of the event was to provide the CFS High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) with substantive inputs and contributions towards the preparation of a report on this topic, which is expected to be released in the summer of 2023 to inform the preparation of related CFS policy recommendations.

The event represented an opportunity to discuss, address and share views on the political, social, cultural, and economic inequalities around food systems that negatively affect food security and nutritional outcomes as well as on the main policy approaches and entry points that are needed, in order to address and reduce these inequalities.

The recording of the event is available at this [link](#).

7. CFS inputs to the 2023 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The General Assembly in resolution 75/290 B defined the theme of the 2023 HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC to be “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”.

The HLPF in 2023 will also review in-depth Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. The forum will take into account the different and particular impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across these SDGs and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals.

The HLPF in July 2023 will also help prepare for the September 2023 SDG Summit – the HLPF to be convened under the auspices of the General Assembly from 19 to 20 September 2023.

CFS has been invited to provide substantive inputs to the July 2023 HLPF on its review of the above five SDGs and its theme, bearing in mind the preparations for the SDG Summit, by 1 March 2023.

8. 2023 Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA): CFS/UN-Nutrition high-level event

The Committee on World Food Security and UN Nutrition are jointly organizing a High-Level Event on “*Coherent policies, efficient actions: how to address the global food crisis*”, scheduled for Friday, 20

January 2023 from 15.30 to 17.00 (CET) in hybrid modality. The High-Level Event will take place in the context of the 2023 Global Forum on Food and Agriculture, held in Berlin and organized by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture of Germany.

The High-Level Event will represent an opportunity to highlight the imperative need for food systems transformation in the wake of the current unpredictable global food security landscape and the role of CFS as a multi-stakeholder governance platform, and UN-Nutrition as an inter-agency coordination mechanism, in promoting collaboration between all relevant actors and building synergies. The event will underscore the importance of promoting inclusive governance, policy coherence and increased coordination among sectors and actors to boost accelerated policy actions at global, regional, national and local levels in support of food systems transformation.

More information on the event and on the panellists are available in a [dedicated webpage](#). The link to the webcast of the event can be found in the [GFFA webpage](#).

In the course of the three-day Global Forum, the CFS Chair will also participate as a panellist in a technical event organized by FAO on "*Leveraging urban and local food systems for sustainable food systems transformation*" (20 January, 11.30-13.00), and will join the 15th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference scheduled for Saturday 21 January 2023.