

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

Dates: 14 April 2023

Time: 10:00 -13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00

Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + German Room)

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau Decisions

Agenda 14 April

- 1. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (with Bureau decision)**
- 2. CFS 51 Side Events Guidance Note (with Bureau discussion)**
- 3. CFS 51 Draft Provisional Timetable (with Bureau discussion)**
- 4. Coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis**
- 5. AOB**

The CFS Vice-Chairperson, Mr Anthony Murithii, of Kenya, chaired the meeting on 14 April, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Committee, who was connected from Washington D.C., where he was participating at the Annual Meetings of IMF/WBG.

The Vice-Chairperson opened the meeting informing that the meeting was taking place in two days, 14 and 20 April respectively, and the provisional agenda for the 14 April meeting was adopted. Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

1. Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (with Bureau decision)

The CFS Vice-Chairperson introduced this item by explaining the background document which foresees four different procedures for the preparation of CFS 51 Final Report.

The Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report (the background document for this agenda item) was well received by Bureau and Advisory Group Members, who recognized the importance of approving it in order to ensure a smooth process in Plenary.

Views were shared concerning the newly introduced procedure – Type D – that would apply to agenda items 3 and 10. Members underlined that this represented a good compromise solution between the different positions expressed. More specifically, it was suggested that Chair's Summaries are not explicitly referenced in the Final Report and at the same time are not submitted to the attention of the Drafting Committee.

The CFS Vice-Chair reminded Bureau Members of the need for volunteers for the CFS 51 Drafting Committee as well as to appoint a Chairperson to lead this critical task.

Bureau decision

Bureau Members agreed on keeping the content of the document as it was, pending the issue of Type D where different views were expressed on whether a reference to the Chair's Summary should be included in the Final Report or not.

Bureau Members requested more time to take a decision on Type D and agreed to further discuss this matter at the next Bureau meeting.

2. CFS 51 Side Events Guidance Note (with Bureau discussion)

The Secretariat presented the background guidance note for the organization of CFS 51 side events. Several comments underlined the importance of side events to complement the main Plenary, underscored the relevance of the topics debated, and highlighted the substance of the discussions taking place at side-events.

Several Bureau and Advisory Group Members urged the Secretariat to issue at the earliest possible the call for side-events to allow sufficient time for the preparation of submissions.

Other inputs pointed to:

- the optimal number of side-events, between 30 and 40 over 5 days;
- the possibility to accept two events on the same topic, without merging related proposals;
- a preference for side events to be held in person/in a hybrid mode, after seeking clarification from FAO on how many side events can be organized in a hybrid format.

3. CFS 51 Draft Provisional Timetable (with Bureau discussion)

The CFS Vice-Chair presented an overview of the CFS 51 Provisional Timetable, and Bureau and Advisory Group members provided several comments.

A request was made to make space to researchers in the high-level opening ceremony and to ensure that voices of researchers are heard during the week. In this regard, it was requested that openness and transparency be guaranteed in the selection of speakers for the CFS Plenary.

It was highlighted that proper space should be ensured for substantive discussions on Tuesday morning for item 4 on global interlinkages. At the same time, it was clarified that items 5 and 6, on Gender and Data respectively, were split over two days to ensure the endorsement of these policy tools during the Ministerial Segment and to give the opportunity to those who were not able to intervene on Tuesday to do it on Wednesday morning.

Doubts were expressed concerning the fact that discussions on CFS workstreams are all grouped in one day, with the risk of not paying the right attention to the outcomes of the core CFS MYPoW activities.

A discussion took place on whether there was a better way to proceed rather than addressing all draft decisions and conclusions on Thursday morning.

A request was made to add the celebrations of International Rural Women's Day to the CFS Timetable. The Civil Society and Indigenous' Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM) requested support in order for its coordination forum, scheduled in the weekend prior to the CFS Plenary, to be held in the premises of one of the RBAs.

It was clarified that side events were currently not foreseen in the evenings, in view of the possibility that the Plenary would need to continue its deliberations during evening sessions.

Bureau discussion

Bureau Members reiterated the request to avoid splitting items 5 and 6 over two days, and to ensure enough time for the discussions of items on global interlinkages as well as on CFS strategic direction. It was also mentioned that keeping the discussion of draft decisions and conclusions at the end of the respective debate might be a more practical solution than the approach proposed in the draft timetable.

Extensive support was given to the idea of dedicating the special event scheduled for the morning of Friday 27 October 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 Food.

The CFS Chair mentioned the possibility of holding parallel sessions during the CFS week, and he ensured that proper space would be given to the MYPoW discussion and approval. He suggested that the discussion of draft decisions and conclusions be moved to Wednesday afternoon while the session on inequalities be held on Thursday morning.

It was mentioned that a revised version of the CFS 51 Provisional Timetable would be circulated for discussion at the next Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

4. Coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis

Members took note of the exchange of views on the background document 'Strengthening Coordinated Policy Responses to the Food Crisis: Towards Integrated Response Frameworks' at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting to discuss the said document as scheduled during the Bureau meeting on the 20th of April.

5. AOB

No further topics were discussed.

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

CFS Bureau Members:

H.E. 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 Iris Joseline Pujol Rodriguez (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, Mr Claudio Garon (Brazil); Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Ms Rini Indiyati, Ms Erma Rneindayani (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 (FAO); Mr Mikael Kattau, Ms Elena Bertusi (IFAD); Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Ms Stineke Oenema, Ms Alessandra Mora (UN Nutrition); Mr James Stapleton (CGIAR); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Mr Hernando Salcedo Fidalgo, Ms Hala Barakat, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Musa Sowe, Ms Nora McKeon, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Giulia Simula, Ms Saima Zia, Mr Dee Woods (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Matheus Zanella (GAFF); Ms Giulia De Castro (WFO); Ms Marjolein Smit Mwanamwenge (WHO); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF).

Observers:

Ms Carolina Seri, Mr Matthijs van Huijgevoort (EU Delegation); Mr Alexander Bång Bergström, Ms Charlotte Winkler, Mr Carl Olsson (Sweden).

CFS Secretariat:

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Annex 2: Attendance list for the Bureau meeting

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