

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

Dates: 20 April 2023 Time: 9:30 -12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00

Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + King Faisal room)

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes

With Bureau Decisions

Agenda 20 April

- 1. CFS MYPoW Preparation Process (with Bureau discussion)**
- 2. Coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis (only Bureau)**
- 3. AOB**

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma – Osorio, opened the meeting by informing the Bureau and Advisory Group members of his participation in New York, at the invitation of the President of the UN General Assembly, in a session on science and policymaking, where he shared the experiences of the Committee, including with its HLPE-FSN. Moreover, he mentioned his participation in Washington DC, in a high-level event on the global food crisis, during the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings. He reported that his intervention focused on the need of combining short-term responses to the food crisis with long-term solutions, leading towards agriculture and food systems that are more resilient, sustainable, efficient and inclusive.

Following this introduction, the provisional agenda of the meeting was adopted. Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

1. CFS MYPoW Preparation Process

The CFS Chairperson presented the two objectives of this agenda item: 1) seeking guidance from Bureau and Advisory Group members on the proposed thematic areas and topics presented in the MYPoW outline document; and 2) building a common understanding and ownership on the way forward.

During the open discussion, Bureau and Advisory Group members provided their comments on the MYPoW outline document. The importance of prioritizing proposals that have received broader support was underlined, as well as the importance of reflecting this aspect in the upcoming draft.

While some Bureau and Advisory Group members welcomed the approach by thematic areas, others expressed their preference to structure the next draft of the 2024- 2027 MYPoW around the three strategic functions of the Committee, and building the MYPOW narrative around the proposed thematic areas.

Some Members affirmed the importance of developing a consensus-based MYPoW that stays within the CFS roles and focuses on unifying topics rather than divisive ones.

The importance of enhancing efforts to increase global awareness and use of the CFS policy agreed documents within the next MYPoW was also underlined.

The need to maintain a flexible approach was mentioned with a view to allow the Committee to better respond to emerging issues that may arise in the coming years.

Overall positive feedback was given to the preliminary clustering exercise of proposed topics, with the following suggestions:

- Separating proposals 9 and 18 from the same cluster;
- Considering proposal 36 as a stand-alone workstream;
- Considering not to include proposals 31 and 35.

Finally, an updated workplan was presented by the Secretariat and is attached in the annex for ease of reference.

Bureau discussion

Bureau Members reiterated points raised during the morning's discussion. Additional comments included the need to be cautious in trying to cover too many topics under one workstream, as well as the importance of differentiating topics that are appropriate for an inclusive discussion from those that are more appropriate for a policy convergence process. The need to focus on no more than one policy convergence process per year was re-emphasized.

2. Coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis (Bureau decision)

An exchange was held regarding the proposed concept note " STRENGTHENING COORDINATED POLICY RESPONSES TO THE FOOD CRISIS; Towards Integrated Response Frameworks", and divergent views were expressed by participants. One Bureau member opposed to holding a High-Level Special Event in Rome as a Special Event in connection with the Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment, while other reservations were raised by other members.

The CFS Bureau requested a revised version of the concept note, reflecting key points and actions discussed.

In summarizing the discussion, the CFS Chair proposed for the ratification of the Bureau the following next steps, with no opposition:

- The CFS Chair will continue to explore the possibility for the High-Level Event to be held in co-ordination/collaboration with the President of the General Assembly.
- High-Level Special Event would be only considered if organized in New York, if and when feasible, before the CFS 51 Plenary in October.
- The thematic session to be conducted in the form of substantive sessions of the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meetings, as done so far. The importance of the substantive session in encouraging a dialogue between national governments and other CFS stakeholders was highlighted.
- To engage UN agencies and relevant organizations, such as the WTO, in the organization of the substantive sessions, underscoring the relevance of CFS stock of agreements as background of the substantive sessions, to the extent possible.

Annex 1: Attendance list 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 (Dominican Republic); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Ronit Gerard (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Maarten De Groot (Canada); Mr Patricio Troya (Ecuador); Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Ms Erma Rneindayani (Indonesia); Ms Yvonne van Laarhoven (Netherlands); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation).

Advisory Group:

Ms Dubravka Bojic, Ms Anna Rappazzo (FAO); Ms Ruth Fianu (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, Mr Andre Luzzi, Ms Hala Barakat, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Nora McKeon, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Giulia Simula, Mr Dee Woods, Mr Taylor Short (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Matheus Zanella (GAFF); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF).

Observers:

Ms Angeles Gómez (Mexico).

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, Mr Martin Schunk, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Anne Marie Thow, Ms Raquel Morato, Mr Evariste Nicoletis (HLPE-FSN Coordinator), Ms Paola Termine, Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN).

Annex 2: Attendance list Bureau meeting

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