LEVERAGING THE USE OF DATA FOR DRIVING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION POLICY: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRENGTHENING FSN DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TOOLS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers document CFS 2023/51/5/ "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition" and CFS 2023/51/6 "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition - Draft Decision", as presented by Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya), Rapporteur of the policy convergence process.

2. The Committee:

    a.   endorses document CFS 2023/51/5/ "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition" as an action-oriented, inter-governmentally-agreed, voluntary and non-binding, global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards improving food security and nutrition policies and actions through strengthening collection, analysis, dissemination and use of food security and nutrition data;

    b.   expresses its deepest appreciation for the effective leadership of the Rapporteur, and commends the work of the HLPE-FSN to prepare the report on "Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition";

    c.   notes that improvement of statistical capacity, FSN data collection and analysis, and robust reporting and monitoring capacity are still a critical challenge to many Members, but are a key to understanding the progress and shortfalls of SDG implementation;

    d.   welcomes the keynote intervention by XXX on the importance of leveraging the use of data for driving better and more targeted policies for food security and nutrition;

    e.   calls on all CFS stakeholders to support and promote the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms;

f.   encourages all stakeholders to share commitments and document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share progress and experiences with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee - which is based on the principles of participation, transparency, and accountability;

g.   recommends that FAO and the RBAs, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, continue assisting Members in strengthening their capacity to collect, analyze, and share data; and reiterates its support for resource mobilization efforts to fill capacity gaps in national statistical systems and in enabling countries to report on and use FSN data and the SDG indicators effectively;

h.   decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding implementation and supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;

i.   decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the UN Statistical Commission and the Economic and Social Council, to consider, ensure and encourage the wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;

j.   agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).