



## Workstreams and Activities Updates

**\*\*\*These updates cover the period since the 23 May 2023 CFS Bureau&Advisory and Bureau Meetings\*\*\***

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### 1. Data workstream

The second round of negotiations is scheduled from 17 to 21 July 2023, in hybrid modality. All delegations are invited to register their participation, either in person or virtual, by 10 July 2023 by writing at [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org)

### 2. Gender workstream

Following an inclusive multi-stakeholder consultation and negotiation process, CFS Members and stakeholders reached an agreement on the [Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition](#) on 14 June 2023. The Voluntary Guidelines will be submitted for final endorsement at CFS 51.

### 3. Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition

The HLPE-FSN report on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” was launched on 15 June at FAO Headquarters and it is expected to be available in all FAO official languages in the coming weeks. In line with the provisions contained in paragraph 21 of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023, this policy convergence process will officially start at CFS 51 plenary in October 2023. A Rapporteur, from among CFS Members, is expected to be nominated by the CFS Bureau at its meeting in September 2023.

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

HLPE-FSN report “Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition”

The High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition launched its flagship report on 15 July 2023 in a hybrid event, in Rome.

HLPE-FSN report “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”

The drafting team has been working on the structure of the report and the theoretical framework that will serve as a roadmap for the report.

The HLPE-FSN Secretariat has been actively involved in organizing the first in-person meeting of the drafting team, which is scheduled to take place in Rome from 18 to 21 July 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together the members of the drafting team to collaborate on specific chapters and interact with the HLPE-FSN Steering Committee.

## **5. CFS Chairperson's outreach and global engagements**

On 30 May, the CFS Chair participated at the SDG 16 Conference: Peace, Justice and Inclusive Societies, organized by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), where he spoke on the importance of effective and inclusive governance for food systems transformation.

In June the CFS Chairperson presented the Final Report of CFS 50 to the ECOSOC, in New York, where he also met with the Group of Friends of Food Security.

From 15 to 17 June, the CFS Chairperson was in Valparaiso, Chile, for participating in the Second Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition.

From 27 to 28 June, the CFS Chairperson was in Berlin, invited by the German Minister of Agriculture to chair the 'Policies against hunger' Conference.

On 30 June, the CFS Chairperson participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> AU/EU Agriculture Ministers Conference.