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Dear CFS Stakeholders,

CFS 50 marked the kick-off of one of the most relevant processes before us in 2023: the strategic orientation of the Committee's program of work. The Committee "*recommended that the CFS Bureau, in collaboration with the Advisory Group, and with the support and participation of interested CFS stakeholders, prepare a draft CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 to be submitted for consideration and endorsement at CFS 51*". Many of you welcomed the third HLPE-FSN Note on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition and its systemic approach was highlighted as key to addressing the interconnected nature of food security and nutrition challenges.

Progress in the coming four years will determine the success on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. CFS must do all within its reach to contribute to this effort, pursuing its overall objective of eliminating hunger and malnutrition through improved policy convergence and coherence at global level, leading to strengthened actions at national and regional levels.

This MYPoW process will inform decisions by the Committee on priority activities to fulfill its vision of a world free from hunger, exercising its roles as defined in the CFS 2009 Reform Document and delivering on its three strategic objectives¹ (Platform, Policy, Uptake) to help address the current global food security and nutrition challenges:

1. *Platform*: Leveraging the convening power of CFS as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to discuss food security and nutrition and coordinate collective action at all levels. *Connection*
2. *Policy*: Developing voluntary globally agreed policy guidance for policy convergence and coherence to achieve food security, nutrition and promote the progressive realization of the right to adequate food. *Coherence*
3. *Uptake*: Fostering the uptake, follow-up, review and sharing of experiences and best practices on the use and application of the policy guidance globally agreed at the CFS. *Impact*.

The upcoming MYPoW will be designed on the basis of an inclusive process that will include an open call for preliminary proposals, followed by a prioritization and selection phase. In this regard, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the attached document "*Annex B of the Evaluation Implementation Report*" endorsed at CFS 45 in October 2018 which provides specific guidance on the MYPoW structure and process. A work plan for the MYPoW preparatory process in 2023 is also attached for your reference.

¹ As defined in Annex B of the Evaluation Implementation Report" endorsed at CFS 45 in October 2018.



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I invite you to reflect on what the CFS should focus on in the coming years to make a difference, and on how to do it, in view of the “Vision and Roles” mandated to the Committee on its 2009 Reform Document and the challenges the world needs to address to end hunger and malnutrition through inclusive, resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems. I encourage you to start this exercise involving all key ministries and the stakeholders involved in your countries, at your discretion.

As a next step, I kindly ask you to submit your inputs to the 2024-2027 MYPoW by 16 February 2023. To this end, I would like to share with you the following documents to support preparations of preliminary proposals that will be discussed at the first Open Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2023:

1. Full transcription of CFS50 session IV.a) Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition;
2. Template for the submission of Preliminary Proposals;
3. Examples of past CFS Thematic Workstreams.

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.

As CFS Chairperson, I am fully committed to producing a meaningful and ambitious programme of work and I look forward to our discussions, deliberations and your inputs in shaping this process.

Yours sincerely,

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