



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

## **Fiftieth Session**

***"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"***

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**ANNEX B OF THE CFS IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ON THE NEW  
MYPoW STRUCTURE AND PROCESS**

## **B. New MYPoW structure and process**

### **I. MYPoW Structure**

1. The MYPoW is made up of three sections. The first section is a standing section which includes the CFS vision and its overall objective. The second and third sections include the activities to be carried out. MYPoW includes:

- i) Thematic workstreams

They are associated with outputs 1.1 (inclusive discussions), 2.1 (global policy guidance).

- ii) Supportive activities

They include all activities that are carried out to ensure the functioning of the Committee<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> These include, among others, the organization of the annual Plenary session with associated communication and outreach activities, CFS Chairperson's activities in support of CFS, preparation of the work programme, and discussions on rules of procedure, as necessary. They also include activities that are associated with outputs 2.2 (Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition – GSF) and 3.1 (conclusions of follow-up and review sessions) and 3.2 (communication and outreach).

*Documents can be consulted at [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)*

## **A. Standing Section: CFS vision and overall objective**

### **A.1. CFS Vision:**

2. CFS “constitutes the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring FSN for all human beings. CFS strives for a world free from hunger where countries implement the voluntary guidelines for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security”<sup>2</sup>.

### **A.2. CFS overall objective:**

3. CFS aims at eliminating hunger and malnutrition through improved policy convergence/coherence at global level, which leads to strengthened actions at national and regional levels.

4. All activities in the MYPoW are designed, planned and implemented to promote: resilience of livelihoods; attention to the people most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition; a multi-sectoral inclusive and participatory approach; evidence-based decision-making; environmental, economic and social sustainability; gender equality, women’s and girls’ rights and women’s empowerment in the context of FSN.

## **B. Strategic section for the 4-year MYPoW**

5. This section presents CFS thematic workstreams and supportive activities for the quadrennium. For each thematic workstream, the section includes the rationale for inclusion in the MYPoW, objectives, outcomes, contribution to the CFS overall objective and to the MYPoW Strategic Objectives.

6. The workstreams will be selected to support country-led implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing primarily on SDG2 and the linkages with other SDGs and targets relevant to FSN, guided by the Strategic Objectives. They aim at delivering the following types of outputs, contributing to achieving the Strategic Objectives:

- **Strategic Objective 1 - PLATFORM:** Leverage the convening power as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to discuss the FSN situation and coordinate collective action at all levels

### **Output 1.1: Inclusive discussions**

Inclusive discussions on FSN developments, trends and emerging and critical issues can be expressed through conclusions, reports, Chairperson’s summaries and other ways.

*e.g. (2017) Conclusions of the CFS Forum on Women’s empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition in Chairperson’s summary (CFS 2017/44/7)*

- **Strategic Objective 2 - POLICY:** Develop voluntary global policy guidance for policy convergence and coherence to achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote the progressive realization of the right to adequate food

### **Output 2.1: Global policy guidance**

Delivered through the preparation of negotiated policy products (voluntary guidelines, principles or other policy frameworks) and recommendations on strategic topics.

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<sup>2</sup> CFS:2009/2 Rev.2, para.4.

*e.g. (2017) Policy recommendations based on the HLPE Report “Sustainable forestry for FSN”*

#### Output 2.2: Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF)

Delivered through regular updating of the GSF, incorporating CFS policy products and recommendations which are endorsed at the Plenary.

*e.g. (2017) GSF updated to include major new international developments in the area of FSN*

- **Strategic Objective 3 - UPTAKE:** Foster the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and best practices on the use and application of CFS products at all levels

#### Output 3.1: Conclusions of follow-up and review sessions

Delivered through the follow-up and review of both global and country/region specific FSN situations, trends, progress, challenges and sharing lessons; assessing the effectiveness of CFS and voluntarily monitoring the use and application of its policy products and recommendations.

*e.g. (2016) outcomes of the VGGT Global Thematic Event held in the Plenary*

#### Output 3.2: Communication and outreach

Delivered by raising awareness of CFS and its work through the CFS website and social media, reporting to global bodies such as UN ECOSOC and sharing information with other UN bodies, and supporting outreach activities of the CFS Chairperson subject to available resources.

*e.g. (2016) Post-endorsement awareness raising events, such as the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA) outreach event in Nairobi and (2017) Connecting Smallholders to Markets outreach events in Addis Ababa and Abidjan*

### **C. Rolling Section: activities to be carried out**

7. This section includes, for each selected thematic workstream and supportive activities, the different activities foreseen to achieve the expected objectives and outcomes, working arrangements, a budget estimate, including indications on human resources needed, as well as a tentative timeline.

#### II. MYPoW PROCESS

8. This proposal aims to provide a structured, inclusive and efficient process for the prioritization and selection of future CFS thematic workstreams and supportive activities.

9. The CFS Chairperson will facilitate the process, preside over the open meetings, consult with the different stakeholders involved and make sure that all the views and positions are duly taken into account.

10. This process is described in Table 2.

**Table 2: MYPoW Process**

<p><b>Plenary discussion on critical and emerging FSN issues for the CFS MYPoW</b></p>	<p>The process will start with a session in the Plenary dedicated to discussion on critical and emerging issues in the field of FSN to feed subsequent discussions on the preparation of MYPoW proposals. The purpose of the session is to allow CFS stakeholders to share views and come up with potential issues to be addressed by CFS.</p> <p>The HLPE note on Critical and Emerging Issues, and other sources such as RBA reports, will serve as background documents for the discussion.</p>
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	<p>A CFS Chairperson’s Summary will reflect the outcomes of the Plenary discussion, highlighting the issues that were most supported. The Chairperson’s summary will be circulated and reviewed at the Plenary. This will not prevent CFS stakeholders from considering additional issues and topics in the following process.</p>
<p><b>1st Open Meeting- Presentation of preliminary proposals</b></p>	<p>The first open meeting is organized for the presentation of the preliminary proposals by the proponents and to discuss them based on prioritization criteria. Each proposal needs to be supported by 2 Member States from 2 regions. Supporters can also include Participants.</p> <p>The preliminary proposals will deal with thematic workstreams associated with outputs 1.1 and 2.1.</p> <p>The preliminary proposals will provide the following information:</p> <p>Rationale for including the thematic workstream in the MYPoW, based on how it meets the prioritization criteria;</p> <p>Expected results and how they will contribute to the achievements of the Strategic Objectives and FSN-relevant targets of the 2030 agenda;</p> <p>Post-endorsement activities to promote the use and application of the CFS policy product;</p> <p>Budget estimate<sup>3</sup>, human resources and timeline.</p> <p>As part of the MYPOW preparation process, the production of HLPE reports/analyses as an input/background document for CFS discussions will be based on a clear understanding that, through the Plenary and the Bureau, the report aims to support CFS Member States and other stakeholders in designing strategies and programs for addressing food insecurity and malnutrition, how it will feed into the process considering the timescale, and the availability of information on the subject under discussion<sup>4</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Prioritization</b></p>	<p>The Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, prepares a list of prioritized thematic workstreams. The prioritization is based on the preliminary proposals, and is carried out taking into account the outcomes of the Plenary discussion.</p> <p>The following criteria will be used to prioritize the thematic workstreams:</p> <p>CFS vision and overall objective: the workstream contributes to the CFS vision and overall objective addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition with a focus on the people most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.</p> <p>Strategic Objectives: the workstream contributes to the achievement of one or more Strategic Objectives.</p> <p>CFS added value: the workstream adds value to existing policy work in relevant and cross-sectoral areas building on the comparative advantages of CFS, avoiding duplication and looking for complementarity and synergies.</p>

<sup>3</sup> The CFS Secretariat, at the request of proponents, can provide assistance for budget estimation.

<sup>4</sup> On exceptional basis, the session taking place at CFS 45 in 2018 is expected to take a decision on HLPE 2020 report.

	<p>CFS main comparative advantages include:</p> <p>Its uniqueness in the UN system as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for global coordination and policy convergence on FSN;</p> <p>The evidence-base provided through the HLPE;</p> <p>Access to technical expertise from the RBAs and UN bodies dealing with FSN;</p> <p>The legitimacy of its policy outputs due to decision by Member States and inclusive and consensus-based process and, which are aligned to support country-led implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Relevance to global priorities: the workstream addresses critical, urgent and emerging FSN issues, such as those identified in HLPE information note, specific SDGs, ICN 2, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the UN Decade on Family Farming, etc.</p> <p>Commitment of CFS stakeholders: CFS stakeholders are committed to using and applying the policy product resulting from the workstream.</p>
<b>2nd Open meeting</b>	<p>The second open meeting will take place for the Bureau to present its list of prioritized thematic workstreams and to get comments and inputs from CFS stakeholders.</p>
<b>Selection</b>	<p>The Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, takes a decision on thematic workstreams and supportive activities to be included in the MYPoW considering the feedback received during the second open meeting. A feasible and realistic MYPoW will be prepared, taking into account resources, workload, and the resource mobilization potential.</p> <p>The CFS Secretariat will provide an overview of the current resource situation and a projection for the next four years based on the historical financial data.</p> <p>Regarding workload, CFS workstreams will be limited to enhance the quality and inclusiveness of the process.</p> <p>HLPE activities should be functional to the work of CFS and their selection should be based on a clear understanding of how they are intended to contribute to the objectives of the Committee and feed into its processes.</p> <p>The MYPoW will indicate if an Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) is needed. In principle, OEWG(s) can only be established for thematic workstream(s). An OEWG that deals with supportive activities could be established if necessary.</p> <p>For each OEWG, the MYPoW will include objectives, expected outputs and activities with schedule of implementation. The OEWG will cease its work once the mandate assigned by the MYPoW is accomplished.</p> <p>The information included in the MYPoW will inform the preparation of the Terms of Reference (TORs) of the OEWG. The TORs of new OEWGs will be presented to the Bureau for approval, after consultation with the Advisory Group. The TORs will include the following information: i) compilation of the Plenary decisions and MYPoW indications concerning the workstream; ii) OEWG objective; iii) expected outputs according to the outcome; iv) activities with a</p>

	<p>schedule of implementation including anticipated end point; v) indications concerning the need to establish a technical task team (composition, mandate and tasks).</p>
<p><b>Plenary consideration and endorsement</b></p>	<p>The Plenary, based on the consensus, will consider and endorse the proposed MYPoW. Activities will not start until resources are provided or a clear indication they are in the pipeline.</p> <p>A resource mobilization strategy will be prepared and implemented following the endorsement of the MYPoW by the Plenary.</p> <p>Annual updates of the rolling section of the MYPoW will be prepared by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, and presented to the Plenary for consideration and endorsement. These are intended to reflect the Plenary decisions, consider possible adjustment, and review the implementation of the MYPoW. The updates will be carried out taking into account resource and workload implications.</p>