



Workstreams and Activities Updates

*****These updates cover the period since the 25 November 2023 CFS Extraordinary Plenary Session*****

1. Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition

The Bureau agreed to nominate Lara Lobo, Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil, Rapporteur of the policy convergence workstream on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition.

2. In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels

On 30 November, the CFS Bureau agreed to nominate Ms Josyline Javelosa, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the RBAs, as Rapporteur of the CFS Workstream “In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels”. The kick-off meeting of this workstream is scheduled for 18 December 2023 from 14.00 to 17.00 (Lebanon Room).

Relevant information and background documents on this workstream are available in the dedicated section of the CFS Working Space.

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

During their inaugural meeting in Rome, that took place from 28 to 30 November in FAO HQ, the new HLPE-FSN Steering Committee elected Ms Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann as the Chairperson and Mr Iain Wright as the Vice-Chairperson of the Panel.

The Steering Committee discussed the HLPE-FSN engagements with relevant science-policy interfaces, the on the V0 draft of the HLPE-FSN report #19 “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”, the scope of the HLPE-FSN report #20 (on resilience of food systems) as well as the scope of the HLPE-FSN Report #21 (on Indigenous Peoples).

On 7 December 2023, the HLPE-FSN launched the [e-Consultation](#) on the V0 draft of the HLPE-FSN report #19 “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”. , The e-Consultation will be open until 18 January

2024, and CFS stakeholders are warmly encouraged to contribute and to share the information with their networks.

4. 2024 Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA): CFS/FAO High-Level Event

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) are jointly organizing a High-Level Event on “*Realizing the Right to Adequate Food: Ending hunger and leaving no one behind*”, scheduled for Friday, 19 January 2023 from 15.30 to 17.00 (CET) in hybrid modality. The High-Level event will take place in the context of the 2024 Global Forum on Food and Agriculture, held in Berlin and organized by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany.

The event, which will be moderated by the CFS Chair, takes place at the 20th anniversary of the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of National Food Security. The purpose of the event is to showcase national experiences in the use and application of these guidelines, including good practices, but also challenges and constraints as a way to identify potential solutions to address them. These national experiences might be complemented by regional, global and sub-national dimensions of the right to food.

More information on the event is available in a [dedicated webpage](#). Additional information on the roll-out of the event and on confirmed panelists will be made available shortly on the CFS webpage.

In the course of the three-day Global Forum, the CFS Chair will also participate in other events, and will join the Berlin Agriculture Ministers’ Conference scheduled for Saturday 20 January 2024.

5. CFS Chairperson's outreach and global engagements

On 09 and 10 December, the CFS Chairperson attended the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai. While attending the COP, the Chair participated as speaker in a side event on *Future-Proofing Food Systems: Solutions towards global food security in times of the climate crisis* organized by World Vision, Welthungerhilfe, ADRA and the United Nations University, where she spoke about the interrelationship between food security and climate change.

On 10 December, the CFS Chairperson virtually participated in an international seminar on the topic *Democratic Governance of Food Systems for the Realization of the Human Right to Adequate Food* hosted by the National Council for Food and Nutritional Security (Consea) of the Republic of Brazil. The Chairperson contributed to this event as a speaker focusing on democratic governance of food systems in the context of realizing the Right to Adequate Food.

On 12 December, the Chairperson attended the *First Global Working Conference of FAO Representatives 2023*, which was hosted at FAO Headquarters. She participated in the Plenary Session *Catalyzing the Transformation of Agrifood Systems*, where she spoke about the important role CFS Policy Products for food systems transformations and the crucial contribution of member countries to their implementation.

Additionally, the Chairperson, on 14 and 15 December, virtually attended a high-level meeting for the formation of the *Public Policy Network for Healthy and Sustainable Agrifood Systems* organized by the Ministry of Health of the Government of Mexico, together with the regional offices of FAO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Pan American/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). The Chairperson delivered an intervention during the opening ceremony of the high-level meeting.