



## Workstreams and Activities Updates

**\*\*\*These updates cover the period since the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings held on 19 December\*\*\***

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

Inputs from CFS stakeholders on the priority issues to be addressed during the CFS policy convergence process on Reducing Inequalities for food security and nutrition were received and reviewed. The first Open Ended Working Group Meeting is scheduled for 23 January to inform the development of the Zero Draft, which will be circulated by 11 March.

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

The first open meeting of the CFS workstream was held on 18 December 2023, representing the first opportunity for OEWG members to analyze the expected outcomes of this exercise, share expectations, identify areas that should be addressed in the Action Plan, and have an initial discussion on roles and responsibilities of different CFS stakeholders.

The Rapporteur's Summary of the meeting is available [here](#).

In view of the preparation of the Outline, CFS stakeholders are kindly requested to provide written inputs on objectives and potential areas of work to be addressed in the Action Plan by answering the following guiding questions:

1. Could you share your expectations in terms of desired outcomes and areas of work of this CFS workstream?
2. Could you indicate the main elements that would be important to include in the Action Plan?
3. Could you present concrete examples of uptake activities carried out by your constituency, including indications on their impact, challenges encountered as well as areas for improvement?

Written contributions should be sent to [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org) by Friday 19 January 2024.

Lastly, in order to receive relevant information and background documents regarding this workstream, CFS stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to the CFS Uptake mailing list by clicking the link below: <https://listserv.fao.org/scripts/wa-fao.exe?SUBED1=CFS-UPTAKE-OEWG-L&A=1>

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

The HLPE-FSN Secretariat launched the e-consultation as part of the report development process, to seek inputs, suggestions and comments on the V0 draft of the report #19 “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation”, open from 6 December 2023 until 18 January 2024.

The drafting team members are meeting from 6 to 8 February 2024, in the Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) campus in Nairobi, Kenya, to further develop the report.

### **4. CFS contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024**

This year, the CFS will offer its contribution to the HLPF under the overarching theme of “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions“ with focus the following SDGs: **Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere; **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; **Goal 13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; **Goal 16.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and **Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

The 2024 HLPF request for inputs is available [here](#).

As outlined in the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work, the CFS contribution to the HLPF will be developed by the CFS Secretariat, based on the substantive guidance provided by the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group. Ms Jenny Reid (Vice-Chair/New Zealand) will act as Rapporteur to facilitate the drafting process.

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

From 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of January, the CFS Chairperson participates in the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 2024, where she moderates a CFS/FAO High Level Panel on “Realizing the Right to Adequate Food: Ending hunger and leaving no one behind” (Friday, 19 January 2023 from 15.30 to 17.00). The concept note, run of show and list of speakers are available [here](#). In addition, the Chairperson moderates one of the breakout sessions during the Agriculture Ministers Conference focused on *Strengthening vulnerable groups*. The CFS Chairperson also takes advantage of the presence of many high-level participants for CFS outreach through bilateral meetings.