

**CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting and CFS Bureau meeting**

**Date: 29 May 2024**

**Time: 09:30 – 12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00**

**Hybrid meeting (FAO Lebanon Room and Zoom Platform)**

**Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes -  
With Bureau Decision**

Agenda

1. Chair's reflections on the CFS Retreat
2. CFS 52 Preparation
  - A) CFS 52 Timetable – revised
  - B) Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report
  - C) CFS 52 Guide
  - D) CFS 50th Anniversary: CFS 52 Theme and outreach activities
  - E) Update on CFS 52 Side Events preparation process
3. CFS Advisory Group Exercise
4. Workstream Updates
5. Any Other Business

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, welcomed CFS Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group Members to the joint meeting and outlined the provisional agenda. The agenda was adopted.

Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat's note-taking purposes.

1. Chair's reflections on the CFS Retreat (for information)

The CFS Chairperson introduced this item by thanking the Secretariat for the support provided in the organization of the 2-day Retreat, as well as the active engagement of all Bureau and Advisory Group Members who contributed to insightful and inspiring discussions.

It was highlighted that the discussion during the Retreat reflected the seven priority issues identified in the Evaluation and its response document. From these discussions, it emerged that there was a convergence of views on the relevance of the role of CFS, especially in the current

multi-dimensional crisis scenario. Additionally, the importance of CFS fostering its country-level impact, as well as engaging in advocacy and awareness to improve its visibility, was emphasized.

The CFS Chairperson also presented the proposed actions for consideration (outlined in the background document BurAG/2024/05/29/01) to move forward in strengthening the CFS functions.

Bureau and Advisory Group Members thanked the CFS Chairperson and Secretariat for the organization of the fruitful Retreat held on 8 and 9 May.

A shared understanding emerged on the following points:

- The need to strengthen global policy coordination, as well as alignment around current food security and nutrition initiatives, including the role that CFS should play in this context;
- The importance of maximizing the potential of the CFS platform, particularly through its key evidence-based policy interface provided by the HLPE-FSN;
- The need for more clarity on the legal nature of the CFS, how it is embedded in the RBAs and the UN system, in order to enhance clarity both on roles and responsibilities, and modalities of interaction among the various bodies within the CFS structure;
- The need for greater predictability of the CFS in terms of financial resources.

### **Bureau discussion**

Bureau Members discussed the proposed actions for consideration outlined by the CFS Chairperson, and stressed:

- The need to specify the focus of the HLPE-FSN Issue paper, which will be developed to contribute to the SOFI item (II) of the Plenary Session, to avoid overlap with the findings of the SOFI Report.

It was clarified that the Issue Paper developed by the HLPE-FSN would anticipate key messages based on the most recent evidence to support the Plenary discussion on the matter.

- The need to receive a paper for consideration on CFS legal, operational arrangements and capacity building two weeks in advance the discussion to allow enough time for reflection and internal consultations;
- The need to have a clear CFS budget estimation to identify potential gaps and needs, and to develop a robust resource mobilization strategy.

## **2. CFS 52 Preparation**

### **a. CFS 52 Timetable – revised (with Bureau Discussion)**

The CFS Chair presented an overview of the revised version of the CFS 52 Provisional Timetable which was well received by Bureau and Advisory Group members. It was clarified that the rationale behind this revised version is to try to discuss most of the items in the first part of the week and to distinguish between more interactive sessions and those where decisions, discussions and delegate statements are foreseen.

The importance of attracting high level participation and of allowing enough time for interventions by delegates was highlighted.

**Bureau discussion:**

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

**b) Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report (with Bureau decision)**

The CFS Chair presented the draft Guide to the Preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report, highlighting that compared to last year's guide, a fourth typology has been deleted, that the guide will be presented for endorsement by the Plenary on Day One, and that Draft Conclusions and Decisions will be presented for consideration by the Plenary at the end of each agenda item, independently from the nature of the item.

A request was made to reintroduce in the Guide a reference to the possibility of including link to the transcript in the Final Report.

Suggestions were also made to foresee draft conclusions (Type B) for item 2.c and draft decision (Type A) for item 3.

Bureau and Advisory Group members requested to postpone the finalization of the Guide and to be given additional time to consult and provide written comments on the document.

**Bureau decision:**

The Bureau underlined the importance of finalizing all draft decisions and conclusions by the end of July in order for them to be circulated as background document for the upcoming CFS plenary session.

With reference to Item 3, it was clarified that Type A is associated with items where it is expected to endorse documents, while Type B can allow for the adoption of substantive conclusions.

It was decided that Bureau and Advisory Group members have time until Thursday 20 June to provide written inputs on the Guide to the Preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report, and that a revised version of the Guide will be circulated taking into account the inputs received.

**c) CFS 52 Guide (with Bureau discussion)**

The first version of the CFS 52 Guide – with preliminary information on the nature, content and format of each session taking place at CFS 52 - was presented. It was clarified that the document contains a number of placeholders which will be filled in as soon as more information is available on speakers and moderators. Updated versions of the Guide will be circulated for the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings scheduled for July and September during which additional information on the format of each session will be provided.

The importance of promoting interactive discussions was noted. It was reiterated that guiding questions will be prepared for most of the sessions in order to stimulate interactions and lively debates.

**Bureau discussion:**

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

d) [CFS 50th Anniversary: CFS 52 Theme and outreach activities \(with Bureau discussion\)](#)

The CFS Secretariat recalled that during both the CFS Retreat and the previous BAG meetings, discussion on the need to ‘revitalize’ the CFS Plenary Session was held. In particular, it was highlighted the importance of advertising the 50th Anniversary of CFS as well as potentially identify a CFS “Goodwill Ambassador or Champion” who advocates for food security and nutrition. She also underscored that this Anniversary of CFS represents a big opportunity for in terms of communication, branding, advertising and thus visibility.

Bureau and Advisory Group members also shared ideas and comments on the identification of a potential “catchy” Motto for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFS, and the following Motto received the highest support:

- **50 Years of CFS: Acting together for Zero Hunger**

With the other options being:

- 50 Years of CFS: Coordinating policies for Zero Hunger
- 50 Years of CFS: Acting now, for a Sustainable Tomorrow
- 50 Years together: Policy, Coordination and Inclusive Collaboration for Zero Hunger
- 50 Years of Multistakeholder Coordination towards the progressive realization of the right to food
- 50 Years of CFS: Acting together for the Right to Food
- 50 years togetherness for Zero Hunger
- 50 Years of CFS: collaborative actions for a world free of hunger

Additionally, the CFS Chairperson informed participants that CFS Secretariat is exploring the possibility to have the CFS Chairperson involved during the World Food Day, in particular given this year’s FAO theme of the WFD “**The right to foods for a better life and a better future**”.

**Bureau discussion:**

The Bureau discussion mirrored the morning’s session with the suggestion of circulating the most supported Motto with all Bureau and Advisory Group members for sharing major comments only, if any. The CFS Vice Chair, Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand), continued chairing the meeting.

e) [Update on CFS 52 Side Events preparation process \(with Bureau Discussion\)](#)

The CFS Chairperson presented this agenda item recalling participants that the call for Side events has been launched on May 6th and will close on June 16th .

Moreover, the CFS Chairperson also informed participants that, as in previous years, these 75-minute side events will take place during the morning slot (8:30 - 9:45) and lunch slot (13:30 - 14:45), with three side events taking place in parallel during each slot, with the exception for the Monday morning.

According to the most recent schedule, the tentative number of side events planned for the time being is 24. However, as seen in the revised timetable, the possible use of Friday morning for side events is still being considered.

Bureau and Advisory Group members requested the possibility of extending the deadline for the submission of side events, which has been accepted. The deadline was extended until June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Bureau discussion**

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

#### 3. CFS Advisory Group Exercise

As part of the Advisory Group Reporting Exercise, WFP, IFAD and CSIPM presented their annual reports on the activities carried out in 2023 to support and promote the work of CFS. An overview of the work done in the context of the various CFS intersessional activities as well as during the Plenary, and of other intersessional activities undertaken for promoting the use and application of CFS policy products on the ground was provided.

### **Bureau discussion**

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

#### 4. Workstream Updates

The CFS Chairperson introduced the background document for this agenda item and presented, in a detailed and comprehensive manner, all major completed and planned steps of the workstreams included in the note. Additionally, she provided an overview of the numerous engagements she has been involved in since the last Bureau and Advisory Group meetings, including her travel, participation in events and other speaking engagements. The Chairperson also specifically highlighted her participation in a meeting of the G20 task force to establish the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty in Brazil, which closely aligns with the CFS' mandate.

### **Bureau discussion**

The CFS Vice-Chair presented again the main updates covering specific CFS workstreams and activities.

5. Any Other Business (with Bureau Discussion)

Participants were informed that the CFS Chairperson requested the CFS Secretariat to address the issue raised by CSIPM in relation to the CSIPM access to FAO facilities for both their daily work and ad hoc meetings.

**Bureau discussion**

No further discussion occurred under this agenda item.

## Annex 1: Attendance list Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

### CFS Bureau Members:

Ambassador Nosipho Jezile (Chair), Ms Jenny Reid (Vice-Chair/New Zealand); Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Emile Butoyi (Burundi); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Mr Michel Leveque (France); Ambassador Vani Sarraju Rao (India); Mr Yousef Juhail (Kuwait); Mr Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran (Nigeria); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Ronit Gerard, Ms Brenda Lyell (USA).

### CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten de Groot (Canada); Ambassador Aly Coulibaly (Mali); Catalina Costantin (Romania).

### Advisory Group:

Ms Dubravka Bojic, Mr Guenter Hemrich (FAO); Ms Elena Bertusi, Mr Shantanu Mathur (IFAD); Mr Jacopo Valentini, Ms Shanon Howard (WFP); Mr James Garrett (CGIAR); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (Gates Foundation); Ms Ludovica Donati, Mr Matheus Alvez Zanella (PFM); Ms Nora McKeon, Mr Faurouz Gazdallah, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Ms Giulia Simula, Mr Dee Woods (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM).

### Observers:

Mr Matthijs van Huijgevoort (EU Delegation); Ms Clemens Wirbela, Ms Carolin Weber (Germany).

**Support to the CFS Chairperson:** Mr Bennie Lombard (South Africa)

### CFS Secretariat:

Ms Adriana Herrera Moreno, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Mr Marco Marzano, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Nicoletta Lalla, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Carolin Busch, Ms Raquel Morato;  
Ms Paola Termine (HLPE-FSN Coordinator a.i.); Ms Silvia Meiattini (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

## Annex 2: Attendance list Bureau meeting

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### CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten de Groot (Canada); Ms Claudia Gonzalez Toledo (Cuba); Ms Patricia Rodriguez (Dominican Republic); Ambassador Aly Coulibaly (Mali); Mr Abdelaziz Zidani (Morocco); Ms Catalina Costantin (Romania);

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