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FRAMEWORK FOR CFS REPORTING TO REGIONAL GROUPS

Background

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for the preparation of regular updates to the Regional Groups on the main activities of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

A systematic participation of the CFS in the Regional Groups meeting is intended to stimulate a dialogue, strengthen the engagement of national delegations in CFS proceedings and facilitate the provision of feedback and inputs from participants on national and regional priorities and needs. Such interaction is also critical in preparation for the biennial FAO Regional Conferences where the CFS presents key features and outcomes of the Plenary Sessions.

The main points to be covered by this update are similar to reporting standards used for the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings and would include the following points:

I. Policy convergence

This item would include a short presentation of the most recent policy products to be promoted, including reports produced and planned by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE). Reference to dedicated events includes regional outreach events aimed at promoting use of CFS products, regional preparations for CFS 52 plenary event on 20 years anniversary on the Right to food guidelines, etc.

II. CFS workstreams and activities

This item would include an update on thematic workstreams and supporting activities, including communications, outreach and resource mobilization, and linkages with other relevant global processes/institutions in particular UNCCD, UNFCCC, UNCBD, and CFS engagement in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with CFS contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

III. CFS Plenary preparation

This item would include regular updates on the preparation of the CFS Plenary, including potential participation of the secretariats for the Rio Conventions details on the various planned sessions, expected outcomes, invited speakers and side events.

IV. CFS Chairperson's outreach and global/regional engagements

A specific update related to CFS Chairperson's outreach can be included, especially when relevant to the region.