

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 Groups¹ on the main activities of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

Enhancing the engagement of all Member States in CFS intersessional activities is a priority to enhance visibility and strengthen partnerships.

Building upon the Bureau's pivotal role in fostering coordination among all Members and acting as a liaison with the regional groups, a systematic participation of the CFS in the FAO Regional Groups meeting should be promoted 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. Within the CFS context, periodic engagement between the CFS Chair and Regional Groups is foreseen. The CFS Secretariat will help facilitate the scheduling of such interactions.

The main areas to be covered by such updates 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 could be included, i.e. regional outreach events aimed at promoting use of CFS products, regional preparations in relation to the CFS annual Plenary Sessions.

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, as for example UNCCD, UNFCCC, UNCBD among others, 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

¹ This framework document considers as "Regional Groups" the Permanent Representatives' standing regional groups established at FAO level.

This item would include regular updates on the preparation of the CFS Plenary, including details on the various planned sessions, potential regional themes on best practices from the regions and national jurisdictions for sharing lessons, expected outcomes, potential invited participants, including international and other UN organizations particularly relevant to the respective regions, 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, and involvement of Bureau members to enhance visibility of CFS.