

## Workstreams and Activities Updates

**\*\*\*These updates cover the period since the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings held on 29 May\*\*\***

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

The first round of negotiations took place in the first week of June, as per the agreed workplan, while the second round took place in the first week of July. An additional OEWG meeting will be held in September with a view to finalize discussions on pending paragraphs (iii, 19, 42, 56). The final document is expected to be endorsed by plenary at CFS 52. Additional background information is included under the agenda item 2e of the provisional agenda: Doc No: BurAG/2024/07/29/00.

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

Based on the written contributions of OEWG members and those presented during the last OEWG on 29 April, the Final Draft of the Action Plan has been prepared. The Final Draft was circulated on 26 June.

The last OEWG meeting took place on 15 July during which the Action Plan was finalized and circulated for final comments in order for it to be presented for endorsement by the CFS Plenary in October 2024.

### **3. Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation**

The first biannual meeting on “Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food system transformation” took place on 30 May in an online format. The objective of the meeting was to kickstart the four-year process by providing food for thought, setting the stage for subsequent substantive sessions, and fostering discussion on potential developments and strategies. The CFS Chairperson opened the meeting leading over to a panel discussion that provided different perspectives on the topic from various CFS constituencies, including several Member States. Following the panel discussion, other participants were encouraged to intervene and contribute their views and experiences.

Based on the insights and discussions during the first biannual meeting, the Technical Task Team in support of this workstream has developed a concept note for the next biannual meeting taking place on 5 September in hybrid modality, which will be shared with Bureau and Advisory Group members for their consideration in advance of the meeting.

### **4. Global Thematic Event on “Advancing the Uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security”**

The Technical Task Team (TTT) in support of the preparation of the Global Thematic Event (GTE) has been meeting regularly to shape the GTE at CFS 52. In addition, the TTT has reviewed the CFS Secretariat's monitoring report on the uptake of the Right to Food guidelines, which will be submitted to the CFS Plenary as an information document.

## **5. Promoting decent work in agriculture and food systems**

In line with the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027, the Committee will provide its platform to highlight the key role of decent work in agriculture and food systems from a right to food perspective and to discuss potential synergies and complementarities between CFS and ILO policy convergence work. The CFS Secretariat is working through its multistakeholder approach to prepare the CFS52 Plenary session on "Promoting decent work in agriculture" and relevant background information, which is included under agenda item 2f of the provisional agenda: Doc No: BurAG/2024/07/29/00.

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

The consultation on the scope of the report "Building resilient food systems" via the FSN Forum was open from 17 May 2024 to 25 June 2024 and received 58 contributions from 32 countries, spanning a diverse array of public and private organizations, academic institutions, civil society, and NGOs.

The Call for experts for the drafting team of the report "Building resilient food systems" was open from 20 May 2024 to 12 June 2024 and received 294 applications. With the support of the Secretariat, the Steering Committee is carefully reviewing all applications to the team is both manageable in size and balanced in multidisciplinary expertise and regional expertise representation, looking for the required scientific competencies as well as the best possible age, gender and geographical representation balance. The competencies available within the team will be complemented by those available within the Steering Committee.

The report "Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition, in the context of urbanization and rural transformation" was launched on 2 July. The report is available on the HLPE-FSN website.

The Steering Committee also worked on defining the scope and expertise needed for the HLPE-FSN report "Preserving, strengthening and promoting Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems and traditional practices for sustainable food systems".

The Steering Committee is analyzing the state of current severe or acute food insecurity crisis.

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

In June, the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) actively engaged in a series of significant events and meetings.

The Chairperson participated prominently in the **Policies Against Hunger Conference held in Berlin** from 5 to 6 June. She delivered both opening and closing statements, emphasizing the importance of

coordinated policy action to combat hunger worldwide. Throughout the conference, she contributed to thematic discussions, sharing insights and expertise on critical issues related to the right to adequate food. Additionally, the Chairperson engaged in bilateral meetings with various stakeholders, fostering collaboration and strengthening partnerships.

On 5 June, during the **ECOSOC management meeting**, the **Vice-Chairperson of CFS presented the CFS report to ECOSOC** on behalf of the Chairperson. This presentation highlighted the progress and challenges in achieving food security and nutrition goals, specifically outlining the CFS's activities and outcomes of its 51<sup>st</sup> plenary session.

On 6 June, the Chairperson met with the CEO of the **SDG 2 Advocacy Hub**. The discussion focused on exploring cooperation between CFS and the Advocacy Hub to increase awareness of the CFS and its policy agreements.

The Chairperson also participated in the **Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) general annual meeting** on 11 June. She engaged in an exchange with key PSM members, discussing opportunities for continued private sector involvement in various CFS activities. The Chairperson further delivered an opening speech at the reception, highlighting the critical role of the private sector in achieving global food security goals.

On 14 June, the CFS Chairperson met the FAO Chief Economist to follow up on collaboration with the FAO, particularly the organization of the CFS 52, the World Food Forum and the World Food Day at FAO HQ. The Chairperson expressed that the goal is to have a more interactive session during the SOFI discussion at the CFS 52, including panels for discussion with different stakeholders/constituencies, members of the Advisory Group and other relevant UN organizations. Also, they agreed on the relevance of technical support to the preparation of the different CFS workstreams, as well as the collaboration of the CFS with the G20 and G7 on initiatives about FSN.

On 25 June, the Chairperson attended a meeting of the **Group of the Friends of the Right to Food in Rome**. During this meeting, she reported on her recent and planned activities and outreach engagements.

On 26 June, the Chairperson virtually participated as a panelist in the **High-Level Roundtable on Enhancing EU Cooperation for Global Nutrition Security** taking place in Brussels. Her contributions focused on the importance of nutrition in the work of the CFS and the role of the European Union in promoting global nutrition security.

For the **BMZ Partners-for-Change conference** held in Nairobi from 26 to 27 June, the Chairperson provided a video statement. In her message, she highlighted the significance of partnerships and collaborative efforts in driving change and achieving food security goals.

On 26 June, the Chairperson met with Mr Martin van Nieuwkoop, newly appointed Director of Agricultural Development at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Both discussed about the current and future areas of collaboration and extended an invitation to participate in the CFS 52 Plenary.

On 27 June, the Chairperson traveled to Geneva to participate in a **side event of the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council** session, with a focus on the right to food. She provided an opening statement, emphasizing the critical importance of the right to food in the broader context of human rights. In addition, she held a bilateral meeting with the Deputy High Commissioner of Human Rights and had an informal meeting with Member States representatives who are supporters of the right to food in order to explore how to strengthen the relations among the UN Agencies based in Rome and in Geneva in the context of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

On 2 July, the Chairperson attended the launch event for the **High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report** on "Strengthening Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems to Achieve Food Security and Nutrition in the Context of Urbanization and Rural Transformation." She opened this important event, underscoring the report's relevance in addressing the challenges posed by urbanization and rural transformation for food security.

The Chairperson met with FAO DDG Maurizio Martina, Office-in-Charge of Partnerships and UN Collaboration (PSU) on 09 July to discuss the collaboration within different areas such as the implementation of the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI) and engagement with the Indigenous People Unit and the Family Farming Engagement and Parliamentary Networks Unit, to strengthening the uptake of CFS products. Additionally, DDG Martina and the Chairperson discussed about the CFS participation during the World Food Forum, including potential side events or exhibition of CFS work and the invitation extended to the Chairperson to participate in the session *UN Decade of Family Farming (UNFFF) mechanisms for the uptake of global policy instruments* that will take place on 16 October 2024 (World Food Day) during the UNFFF Mid Term Forum.

On 04 July, the Chairperson participated in the European Regional Group and on July 12 the Vice Chairperson participated in the GRULAC meeting to present the CFS 52 agenda and overview of the side events preparations and invited members to actively contribute to the discussions during the CFS 52 Plenary.

The Chairperson traveled to New York on 11-12 July to participate in a **side event to the High-Level Political Forum**, jointly organized by the CFS and the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub. To maximize the impact of this trip, she also engaged in a number of bilateral meetings, fostering cooperation with other UN bodies and contributing to a higher awareness of the CFS among the New York constituencies.

On 24 July, the Chairperson travels to Rio de Janeiro to participate in the **Ministerial session of the G20 Task Force to establish the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty**, where the alliance is set to be endorsed.