

Draft Work Plan of the Nutrition Workstream in 2018

14. The Committee considered the report on Nutrition and Food Systems commissioned from the CFS High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE). The Committee provided space for FAO and WHO to update CFS membership on reporting related to commitments taken during the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and in the implementation of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition Work Programme. A session on good practices and lesson sharing for improved nutrition provided the opportunity to share and discuss experiences on investments for healthy food systems. The outcomes of CFS activities on nutrition in the last intersessional period and implications for the next biennium were considered.

15. For item III.a “Launch of the HLPE report on Nutrition and Food Systems”, the Committee:

a) Acknowledged with appreciation the “High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report on Nutrition and Food Systems” (document CFS 2017/44/Inf.16) presented by Ms Jessica Fanzo, Project Team Leader, took note of its main findings and its call to action and noted in the subsequent discussion:

i) That food systems, whether traditional, mixed or modern, each have challenges, and the potential to open pathways towards sustainability and healthier diets that enhance food security and nutrition now and in the future;

ii) Recommendation 9a of the HLPE Report for CFS to consider elaborating voluntary guidelines on improved food environments for healthy diets;

iii) That food environment actors, especially women, all need to be valued and supported to shift towards nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems with holistic solutions adapted to fit contexts and changing consumer demands, preferences and tastes; and

b) Recommended that subsequent policy convergence in CFS on nutrition is supported by the scientific evidence provided in the report.

16. For item III.b “Update on Reporting of the Second International Conference on Nutrition” the Committee:

a) Welcomed, in the context of the ongoing implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the document “Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition” (CFS 2017/44/Inf 17) presented jointly by FAO and WHO and considered its findings;

b) Recognised the importance of using and promoting CFS policy guidance in supporting country efforts to implement their commitments and reaffirmed, in accordance with the Nutrition Decade Work Programme, that CFS will continue to provide a platform for global coordination and policy coherence and convergence on nutrition, and space for dialogue and experience sharing among governments and other stakeholders;

c) Welcomed the announcement by Brazil and Ecuador of specific SMART commitments for concrete actions, as well as the launch of action networks for sustainable and balanced food systems that can contribute to ending malnutrition in all its forms; and encouraged all stakeholders to step up efforts, in accordance with the Nutrition Decade Work Programme;

d) Reiterated its request to FAO and WHO to be periodically updated on further progress in the implementation of ICN2;

- e) Recommended that the findings of document CFS 2017/44/Inf 17 on persisting policy gaps and successes inform upcoming CFS policy convergence work on nutrition.
17. For item III.c “Good practices and Lesson Sharing for Improved Nutrition”, the Committee:
- a) Welcomed the good practice and lesson sharing session on “Investments for Healthy Food Systems” and the presentation of case-studies, supported by the background document (CFS 2017/44/Inf 18) which shared information on practices and useful experiences for the Committee’s consideration.
18. The Committee further noted that:
- a) A holistic multisectoral approach to both policy and programmatic interventions is needed to move towards sustainable and healthy food systems;
- b) Processes, policies and investments aimed at healthy food systems need to be aligned across sectors and supported by strong political commitment, effective institutional arrangements, sufficient funding and monitoring arrangements;
- c) Institutional arrangements and governance should ensure the meaningful participation and engagement of civil society and the private sector and all value chain actors as important investors and actors of transformation towards healthier and more sustainable food systems, and encourage effective and inclusive partnerships;
- d) Women play a central role in food systems and it is crucial to create the conditions for their strong engagement in shaping food systems that can ensure improved nutrition.
19. For item III.d “CFS Advancing Nutrition including the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition”, the Committee:
- a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Nutrition Chaired by Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt);
- b) Considered the document CFS 2017/44/Inf 19 Rev.1 "CFS Intersessional Nutrition Activities: Summaries", and in particular welcomed the discussion in the OEWG on the CFS contribution to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), as presented by the Chairperson, reaffirming that the decision in CFS 43 “CFS Engagement in Advancing Nutrition” (CFS 2016/43/9) provides the main basis for CFS work on nutrition and its contribution to collective efforts under the framework of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition;
- c) Mandated the OEWG on nutrition, in the context of the UN Decade for Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), to develop as per MYPOW 2018-19, using voluntary resources and re-prioritizing existing ones, terms of reference for the policy convergence process leading to voluntary guidelines for food systems and nutrition for submission to Plenary in CFS 45; these would be informed by the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems, and benefit from the outcomes of the CFS 2016-17 intersessional activities and of the nutrition-related discussions in CFS 44.

I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

- a) Draft ToRs for policy work on nutrition and food systems and deliver Plenary sessions in accordance with CFS 44 decision and in line with the strategy “CFS engagement in nutrition” in the context of the UN Decade for Action on Nutrition.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- a) Terms of Reference (TORs) agreed by Plenary in CFS45 (with scope, timeframe, intended users, process, expected results and resourcing requirements).
- b) Continued improved understanding of what works at country level, to stimulate action and coordination and guide scope and nature of policy convergence work.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2017-2018

- a) Substantive discussions to develop TORs to guide future policy convergence work on nutrition and food systems; (outcome a) above)
- b) Lesson and good-practice sharing activity organized in CFS 45 in October 2018 (outcome b) above).

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
<u>OEWG-Nutrition meeting</u> (i) Discuss this intersessional year’s workplan leading to CFS 45 (ii) Update on the outcomes of the regional symposia (iii) Review of existing relevant guidance (iv) Discuss an outline for a zero draft of the TORs	February 2018
<u>Possible e-consultations on zero-draft of the TORs for policy convergence on nutrition and food systems</u> OEWG participants may wish to participate on an individual and voluntary basis	(dates TBC)
<u>OEWG-Nutrition meeting:</u> (i) Discuss a zero-draft of the TORs (ii) Prepare lessons learned session in CFS 45 which serves upcoming policy convergence process	10 May 2018
<u>OEWG-Nutrition meeting:</u> Finalise draft TORs to be presented to CFS45 and decision text;	15 June 2018
<u>Bureau/Ag meeting</u> Agrees on draft decision text for Plenary’s consideration	23 July 2018
<u>CFS 44 Plenary</u> - Plenary agrees on TORs and gives guidance for the policy convergence work on nutrition beyond 2018. - A lesson- sharing session is held	October 2018

IV. Technical Task Team (TTT)

A taskteam comprising FAO, IFAD, WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNSCN, CGIAR, CSM and PSM technical experts is proposed to support the CFS Secretariat with drafting TORs for the voluntary guidelines on nutrition and food systems and support preparation of the lesson sharing session proposed during CFS 45 Plenary week.

The taskteam members should be nominated on the basis of their technical background and expertise. They participate in their individual capacity. They take responsibility for drafting/contributing to the contributions for discussion in the OEWG meetings and support coordination and foster synergies between their organization’s related activities/relevant processes.