



CFS 45

Session Information

The Annotation of the Provisional Agenda (CFS_BurAG_2018_09_24_05a) is included with the background documents for this meeting as are the revised Provisional Agenda and Draft Timetable (which will be online shortly). Further background information including panellists, supporting background documents and other session related information will be posted on the [CFS 45 page](#) as it becomes available.

Registration

Member and Non Members of CFS are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Please note that only those who have registered will appear in the List of Delegates published after the session. This is the link: <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/en/>

Registration for Participants and Observers is taking place through [CVENT](#) – the closing date is 21 September.

Global Thematic Event on the Right to Food – key notes and panellists

This is the current composition of the panel for the Global Thematic Event on the Right to Food:

Opening keynotes:

1. Mrs. Hilal Elver, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
2. Mrs. Livia Pomodoro, UNESCO University Chair on the Right to Food

Panel discussion

1. Mr. Michael Windfuhr, Deputy Director, German Institute for Human Rights (moderator)
2. Representative from Burkina Faso (tbc)
3. Mr. Badrul Arefin, Director General, Food Planning and Monitoring, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh
4. Representative from Colombia (tbc)
5. Mr. Peter Schmidt, President of the European Economic and Social Committee Sustainable Development Observatory
6. Ms. Ramona Duminicioiu, Coordinator of the Civil Society Mechanism Working Group on Monitoring

Side events

A total of 57 Side Events and 1 Launch event have been accommodated. Side Event Information is in two places:

- [Mobile/Printer friendly combined Session and Side Event Timetable](#)
- [List of Side Events with abstracts](#)

Information Marketplace

Each member of the CFS Advisory Group has been offered display space in the Flag Hall, Building B, where the CFS Information Marketplace will be located.

World Food Day

The World Food Day Ceremony will be held in Plenary Hall at 9.30 on 16 October. All CFS Members and Non Members are invited as are CFS Participants (a maximum of three per delegation with more allocated for CSM and PSM). CFS Participants will be provided entry passes in advance for the World Food Day Ceremony by the CFS Secretariat.

Following the World Food Day Ceremony at 11.30 there will be a panel discussion on “Emerging Challenges: Nutrition/Obesity, Climate Change, Conflict and Migration” and in the afternoon at 15.30 there will be a further panel discussion on “The Role of Partnerships to Achieve Zero Hunger: Civil Society, Private Sector, Parliaments, Cities”. Both of these panel discussions will be in Plenary Hall and all CFS Members, Non Members, Participants and Observers are invited to attend. No entry passes are needed.

There will be a round of CFS Side Events on the evening of World Food Day following the second panel discussion. See the [Side Event Timetable](#) for details.

2030 Agenda

A joint CFS and UNSCN Side Event was held on Wednesday 11 July in the context of the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York. Using the food and nutrition lens, the event focused on the nexus between nutrition and the SDGs in focus at HLPF 2018 with a view to translating them into effective guidance for policies, programmes and stakeholders’ engagement.

The event was moderated by H.E. Modest Mero, Ambassador of Tanzania to the UN. Panelists included: Stineke Oenema (UNSCN Coordinator), Margaret Munene, CEO of Palmhouse Dairy, Kenya (CFS Private Sector Mechanism) and Carla Mucavi (FAO NY Liaison Office Director) who intervened on behalf of the Rome Based Agencies.

A keynote speech was delivered by Eileen Kennedy, former HLPE Steering Committee Member and Professor of Nutrition at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University. The event was lively and interactive. The audience was composed of around 40 representatives of Member States, UN organizations as well stakeholders from grass-root to global levels.

Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition

The two Urbanization and rural transformation events originally scheduled to take place during the 2017-18 intersessional period have been postponed to 2018-19. In compliance with the RBAs calendar, the following dates have been reserved: 19 November 2018 (all day) and 29 January 2019 (all day). The events will focus on the two thematic areas already agreed at CFS 44: a) Food security and nutritional impacts of urbanization/rural transformation on lower income groups; and b) Women and youth employment across the rural-urban continuum, including linking producers to markets. Both events will be interpreted in all UN languages and held at FAO HQ.

Besides furthering CFS stakeholders' understanding of the interplay between food security, nutrition and rural-urban linkages, the intersessional events are also expected to facilitate a functional and effective link with the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work planning process. Through this exercise CFS could consider developing concrete proposals on how it sees its work on Urbanization and rural transformation going forward in a way that builds on and adds value to other ongoing initiatives at the global level, as well as other CFS workstreams.

Monitoring

The joint proposal by Italy and the Civil Society Mechanism on an event to monitor other CFS policy recommendations at CFS 46 was uploaded onto the CFS working space and stakeholders were invited to provide comments. As at 31 August 2018, comments were received from Germany, Switzerland, USA, UNSCN and the Private Sector Mechanism and are available on the CFS working space.

A revised proposal is being presented to the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 24 September 2018 for discussion and to the Bureau meeting on 25 September 2018 for decision. If accepted, the revised proposal will be included in the plenary document "Promoting Accountability and Sharing Good Practices – with Draft Decision" which will be presented at CFS 45, and the Draft Decision will be adjusted accordingly.

Evaluation

A meeting will take place on 18 September with the objective of finalizing the last three annexes of the implementation report, respectively:

- Annex F (Terms of reference of the Chairperson)
- Annex G (Terms of reference of the Secretary)
- Annex H (Composition and processes of the Advisory Group)

The final draft version of the Implementation Report, with these three annexes, and a new paragraph for the Implementation Report, will be presented to the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings of 24 and 25 September for discussion and Bureau decision. The Draft Decision will be amended accordingly.

Chair's outreach activities

The CFS Chair was interviewed for the 2018 'World Food Day' campaign which the Telegraph is launching on 16th October. The campaign will feature exclusive thought leaders including from FAO, IFPRI, and WFP.

To mark the UN South-South Cooperation (SSC) Day, the CFS Chair participated as moderator in a special joint RBA event to raise awareness about South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) and its strategic importance to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

In the margins of the 24th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO), the CFS Chair released a video-interview explaining the importance of forests to the SDGs <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crNFkhIDUVY> and presenting the policy convergence process on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition endorsed at CFS 44 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-BJphEet2k>

HLPE

Report #13 on *Multistakeholder Partnerships (MSP) to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda*

As indicated in the letter sent by the CFS Chair, translating this report is critical for enabling an inclusive and fruitful policy discussion. With the funds available at this moment, the HLPE Trust Fund is not able to finance the translation of the MSP report. Additional funds should be secured as soon as possible for the report to be translated in all the UN languages in time for CFS 45.

Report #14 on *Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition*

The open consultation on the VO draft of this report is currently planned before the end of 2018. This report will be the main topic of discussion during the next HLPE StC meeting (12-15 November 2018, Bern, Switzerland)

Report #15 for 2020

The CFS request for a possible HLPE report in 2020 is to be discussed at this Bureau meeting for submission to the next Plenary. If there is an agreement on a report, the HLPE StC will discuss and start to implement this request during its next meeting (12-15 November 2018, Bern, Switzerland).