CSM Update

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Draft Agenda

Please find here the draft agenda of the CSM Forum 2018. The Forum will take place on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 of October, in the Green Room at FAO HQs (Building A first floor), Rome. We received over 300 registrations to the Forum this year!

The opening session of the CSM Forum (9:30-11:00 am) will be a public debate with the participation of FAO DG Graziano, CFS Chair Arvelo, IFAD Vice-President Richter and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, titled “It’s time for a recommitment with the CFS as part of a more effective response to the alarming food insecurity and malnutrition in the world”. In order to access the building you will need to enter through the visitor’s gate of FAO and get your building pass passing through security. Please remind to bring your passport with you! Find here the logistic note with all information. We encourage you to read it thoroughly! See you in Rome!

Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples into the name of the CSM

The Coordination Committee agreed to welcome by consensus, after a period of reflection and dialogue within the CC, the request submitted in October 2017 by the Indigenous Peoples constituency to amend the name of the CSM into the “Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples’ Mechanism for relations with the CFS”. This consensus will be formally decided by the CC meeting of October 2018 and shared with the CSM participating organizations during the CSM Forum in the same month.

The Coordination Committee considered the fact that indigenous peoples have struggled for several decades to be acknowledged in their identity as Indigenous peoples by the United Nations (UN) and have achieved recognition by the UN, for instance, via the creation of a UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the adoption of a UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the existence of an Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and a Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. The subsequent discussion within the CC demonstrated that the proposal of indigenous peoples for a change in the CSM name that would explicitly recognize their identity as part of the CSM, is justified and welcomed. All CSM constituencies acknowledged that indigenous peoples possess an identity that goes beyond the concept of ‘civil society’. Their struggle to have their identity recognised should be acknowledged and fully supported by the CSM. Indigenous peoples have fought over centuries, from generation to generation, to defend their territories, cultures and identities. This request therefore is not only about the participation of indigenous peoples in the CSM, but also about the political recognition of their struggles for their identity as indigenous peoples.

Civil Society Report on the Use and Implementation of the Right to Food Guidelines

The Civil Society Report on the use and implementation of the Right to Food Guidelines prepared by the CSM Monitoring Working Group is now published and available at this link! The CSM Report will be presented in the framework of the CFS 45th Plenary Session week during the CFS Global Thematic Event on 18 October.

Please find at the following links the background documents that will inform CSM debates through out the Forum sessions:

- CSM Statement towards CFS 45
- Overview of CSM engagement to CFS 2017//2018
- The full report with the findings of the independent CSM Evaluation
- The draft version of the CSM Annual Report 2017//2018
- Calendar of CSM activities during the CFS Plenary week

CSM external communication during the October meetings

As part of the implementation of the CSM communication strategy approved by the Coordination Committee members in October 2017, the CSM will have a team of communication and media experts from the different CSM participating organizations during the CSM Forum and CFS Plenary Session days to support the external communication of CSM and the implementation of the media plan. A media and press consultant also joined the CSM Secretariat for the period of September and October. Thanks in advance for collaborating with this new effort! Please support us by making yourself available to record short videos and short interviews! All social media and press news will be available at this link! Stay tuned!

CFS 45th Plenary Session

CFS 45th Plenary Session will take place from 15 to 19 of October 2018. Please find all relevant information at this link including the timetable, the side event timetable and the different background documents that will inform the different sessions!

Moreover find at this link the calendar of the different CSM official and autonomous side events during he CFS Plenary Week.
HLPE electronic consultation on the zero draft of the Report on Agroecology and other innovations

The HLPE has launched on October 4th its electronic consultation on the zero draft of the Report on Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition (only available in English at the moment). The results of this consultation will be used by the HLPE to further elaborate the report, which will then be submitted to external expert peer-reviewers, before finalization and approval by the HLPE Steering Committee in the second semester of 2019. Deadline for submissions is the 5 of November. Please join our CSM working group on Agroecology to follow-up the process towards the consultation within the CSM! In order to express interest to join the CSM Working group please write to cso4cfs@gmail.com

CSM Contributions to the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting of 24 September and CFS Outcomes of the Bureau meeting of 25 September

The last CFS Advisory group and Bureau meeting took place on 24th September. Please find at this link CSM contributions to the meeting and the related CFS Bureau outcomes here.