



# CSM Update

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### *Updates from the first CFS open meeting on MYPoW of 25 January*

This year, the CFS will be engaged in the definition of its own thematic agenda for the years 2020-2023 (Multi-year Programme of Work – MYPoW). CFS members and participants were called in December to draft and submit their policy proposals. What are the critical and emerging issues CFS should address in the years 2020-2023 and how? A total of 12 proposals were submitted:

- Water and Climate Change (Germany)
- Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality (FAO, IFAD, WFP, Spain)
- Conflicts and Migration (Italy and South Africa)
- Tackling Inequalities to enhance FSN (IFAD)
- Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition (CSM, Hungary, Indonesia and South Africa)
- Youth and territorial approaches (France)
- Youth engagement in Food Security and Nutrition (Italy, Costa Rica, South Africa)
- Youth in agriculture and food systems (The Netherlands, PSM, Indonesia)
- Data collection and Analysis tools (USA)
- Uptake of CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (UNSCN, WHO, FAO)
- Farmers’ Access to Innovation (WFO)

On 25<sup>th</sup> of January the first CFS open consultation took place to present and debate the proposals. The CSM presented, together with Hungary, Indonesia and South Africa a proposal on inequalities which found good support of the room. Also IFAD presented a proposal on inequalities, and the proponents of both proposals agreed to merge them into one. As a result of our prioritization process, CSM also supported: i) the French proposal on Youth; ii) the RBAs proposal on women’s empowerment and gender inequalities; iii) the German proposal on water and climate change; the Italian and South African proposal on conflicts and migration. Following the discussions at the Open meeting, it was agreed that the proposals on youth and the ones on inequalities will be merged. The next discussion on the MYPoW will be held during the Advisory Group and Bureau meeting on 4 March. The responsibility within the CSM for the further discussion on the CFS MYPoW will be with the CSM Advisory Group and the CSM WG on Global Food Governance. Everybody in the CSM who wants to join the further MYPoW discussion is cordially encouraged to express such interest to the CSM Secretariat.





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## ***Updates from CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 28 January***

The first Bureau and Advisory Group meeting of 2019 took place on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The agenda of the meeting touched upon the following issues: a) Preparations for CFS 46th Plenary Session; b) New proposal for submission of side events proposals at CFS 46; c) Follow-up of the event on commercial plantations in the framework of sustainable forestry; d) Follow-up of the policy process on Agroecology and other innovations; e) Workstreams Updates. Please find here the CSM contributions and here the CFS Bureau outcomes.

## ***Updates from the CFS open consultation on Nutrition and Food Systems***

The first CFS Open Meeting on Food Systems and Nutrition of 2019 took place on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Overall, the CFS open meeting was an interesting and well attended event. As expected, it was primarily an opportunity to interrogate some elements of the HLPE report, and most of the session was devoted to the HLPE presentation and Q&A. The presentation by Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project Team Leader, is available here (Only in English). After the Q&A session, there were left only some 15-20 minutes for some short general comments followed by neither further debate nor responses. Please find here the intervention of Isabel Álvarez, the Coordinator of the CSM Working Group on Nutrition and Food Systems.. The next session of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition will take place on March 8. A draft outline of the Voluntary Guidelines is expected to be presented and debated in that occasion.

## ***Updates from the second CFS inter-sessional event on Urbanization and Rural Transformation***

On February 4, the second and last inter-sessional meeting on Urbanization and Rural Transformation took place. This inter-sessional event focused on “Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum”. A delegation of the CSM Working Group and CSM Youth Constituency attended the meeting. CSM participants to the event highlighted the following key elements: a) youth and women are autonomous and political subjects with their own agencies; b) youth and women are part of a collective and a community; c) Public policies play a key role in enabling youth and women’s access and control over natural resources, water and sanitation, social and education services, infrastructure, access and inclusion in policy decision making processes at institutional level, access and fostering of territorial and local markets; d) Public policies should be strongly anchored to human rights, implementing existing normative frameworks as CEDAW in order to eliminate violence and discrimination against women and girls. The Working Group and CSM Panelists also reminded CFS the importance of including in the discussion the legacy



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of previous CFS policy outcomes such as the Outcomes of the CFS Forum on Women's empowerment of 2017 and the Policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets (2016). This inter-sessional event also aimed at receiving guidance from CFS members and participants on the future of this workstream. Is the CFS willing to engage in a meaningful policy outcast on this topic? Is this workstream going to be channeled instead towards a new proposal on youth and territorial approaches in the framework of the MYPoW process?

The Chair of the CFS workstream will now proceed with drafting a final outcome from the two inter-sessional events, and the discussion on the future of this workstream will be addressed in the framework of the MYPoW process.

## ***Call for inputs towards the monitoring exercise of CFS 46***

As part of the incremental development of the CFS Monitoring Mechanism, the CFS will make efforts in 2019 and for the first time to monitor the use and implementation of its specific "Policy Recommendations" which are different from the more comprehensive outcomes such as the VGGT or the Framework for Action on Protracted Crises. As a pilot exercise, the CFS will focus on policy recommendations that support investment and development in smallholders, including: a) Investing in Smallholders Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition (2013); b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets (2016); c) Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What roles for Livestock? (2016). The CSM Working Group on Monitoring is actively engaged in this process! Please find the call for experiences and inputs here! Deadline to submit inputs is 22 of April 2019!



## ***Updates on the upcoming calendar of meetings***

The CFS and CSM calendar of upcoming meetings can be found at this link!

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### ***Upcoming CSM sub-regional meeting of Southern Africa***

From the 11 to the 13 of March 2019, the CSM sub-region of Southern Africa will have its meeting to reactivate its participation to the CSM and CFS.

### ***New focal point appointed for the sub-region of Central Asia***

A new focal point ad interim for the Sub-region of Central Asia has been appointed until October 2019. We would like to warmly welcome Aida Jamangulova.



### ***New CSM Working Group on Youth***

The CSM is establishing a new Working Group on Youth! In order to join please write and email to the CSM Secretariat: [cso4cfs@gmail.com](mailto:cso4cfs@gmail.com) with your: a) Name; b) Contact details; c) Name of the organization; e) Country. The CSM Coordination Committee members for the Youth Constituency Margarita Gomez (LVC) and Nzira Deus (WMW) will also coordinate the Working group.

### ***Join the CSM work on MYPoW***

For those of you that are interested to participate to the MYPoW discussions and the CSM work on it join the Global Food Governance Working Group! Express your interest sending an email to [cso4cfs@gmail.com](mailto:cso4cfs@gmail.com) telling us your: a) Name; b) Contact details; c) Name of the organization; e) Country.

### ***Join the CSM work to respond to the CSM Evaluation***

For those of you who are interested to participate in the discussions on the response to the CSM Evaluation, join the ad-hoc group that will have the task to draft the follow-up on this matter. Express your interest sending an email to [cso4cfs@gmail.com](mailto:cso4cfs@gmail.com) telling us your: a) Name; b) Contact details; c) Name of the organization; e) Country.