

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting
Date: 04 and 06 March 2019
German Room, FAO

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau's Decisions

Agenda

1. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023 – Prioritization
2. CFS 46 Provisional Agenda, Timetable and Planning notes
3. Multistakeholder Partnerships – Options Paper
4. CFS Workstream updates
5. CFS Budget Update
6. CFS Advisory Group renewal
7. Any other business

The CFS Chair opened the meeting and informed that under Any Other Business (AOB) he would be giving updates on the discussion on the composition of the Advisory Group and on the appointment of the new Secretary. The CSM announced that they will hold a public briefing on Nutrition and Food Systems.

1. CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023 – Prioritization

Several comments suggested the need to improve in the future the methodology of the 'non-survey' for receiving feedbacks on the different proposals.

It was noted that the various proposals have different levels of detail and some of them are incomplete in terms of outputs, budget and/or workload.

It was also highlighted that this is a new process, based on the indications provided in Annex B of the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation, and that the comments provided by the CFS stakeholders are important for continuing to improve the process in the future. It was also stressed that the current process already represents a significant qualitative improvement compared to previous MYPoW processes.

Indications were provided by Advisory Group members on their preferred thematic workstreams and supporting activities to feed the Bureau's discussion and decision on prioritization.

Bureau's decision:

Bearing in mind the inputs provided by the Advisory Group, the Bureau reached the following conclusions:

- a) The thematic workstream on Food Systems and Nutrition will continue throughout 2020 with the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines that is expected to take place at CFS 47;
- b) The thematic workstream on Agroecological Practices and Other Innovations will start after CFS 46 with a policy convergence process that will continue in 2020. Policy recommendations are

expected to be endorsed by the Plenary in 2020 or in a subsequent Plenary. It was noted that this workstream already includes a relevant number of the elements outlined in the proposal on Fostering Farmers' Access to Innovation;

- c) There should be one HLPE report per year in 2020-2023. Given that the theme of the 2020 report has already been selected -*Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030*-, a decision needs to be taken on the themes of the reports for 2021, 2022 and 2023. It was suggested to consider postponing the decision on the 2023 report to allow some flexibility in case other important issues arise in the future;
- d) The proposal on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the context of FSN is clear, well-developed and widely supported;
- e) The proposals on (i) Putting Youth at the Center; (ii) Conflicts, Migration and FSN; and (iii) Reducing Inequalities for improving FSN are also widely supported and should have HLPE reports as the starting point of policy guidance processes. Their text may require further sharpening on objectives and expected outcomes;
- f) Ways to streamline the proposal on Data Collection, Analysis and Tools in other relevant workstreams should be further discussed;
- g) The proposals on (i) Water Management for FSN and on (ii) Urbanization and Rural Transformation will be dropped as they received insufficient support.

In line with provisions contained in Annex B of the Implementation Report of the CFS Evaluation, it was noted that the MYPoW selection process should only prioritize proposals that are supported by Members of at least two regional groups;

It was also suggested that the CFS Plenary should make the decision on the type of policy instrument required for a proposed topic (i.e. Policy Recommendations or Voluntary Guidelines). However, this suggestion needs to be further discussed in the context of the guidance provided in Annex B of the Implementation Report of the CFS Evaluation.

Based on the outcomes of the Bureau meeting, a Zero Draft MYPoW proposal will be prepared for discussion at the Second MYPoW Open Meeting scheduled on 17 April.

The Zero Draft will be prepared taking into account resources needed, workload and the resource mobilization potential, as well as indications on how each one would contribute to the SDGs. The document will also include clear indications on what workstreams and activities would be implemented in parallel to ensure the adoption of a feasible and realistic MYPoW.

It was agreed that the proposals might be sharpened in the Zero Draft in order to provide clearer indications on their objectives, activities, potential outputs and costs implications.

2. CFS 46 Provisional Agenda, Timetable and Planning notes

The Chair presented the revised CFS 46 Draft Agenda and planning notes and the proposed CFS 46 Timetable. He explained that as there is a new incoming Director General of FAO, clarity will not be received on the nature of World Food Day until after he/she has taken office. With that, he suggested that CFS plan for a four and a half day session allowing the morning of Wednesday 16 October for World Food Day. He also presented the proposed theme for the week which is “Accelerating progress on SDG2 to achieve all the SDGs” and the idea that the Secretariat organize a Special Event on Friday morning that brings some of the vibrancy of Side Events to Plenary. These proposals were well received by the joint meeting. Clarity was requested on the timing of the ICN2 Reporting document as a background document for the session. It was suggested that the item be considered for information and discussion.

Bureau’s decision:

The Bureau cleared the Draft Provisional Agenda (Annex 3). Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic undertook to follow up with the Steering Committee of the UN Decade on Family Farming on the roll out of that session.

3. Multistakeholder Partnerships – Options Paper

Mr Mellenthin (Germany), the facilitator, presented the 4 options for the follow-up process. He underlined the fact that options not selected by the Bureau could still be considered in the future. Several participants expressed interest in Option 1 (organization of an event) to learn on real challenges faced by MSPs, including power asymmetries, accountability and transaction costs, and draw lessons on practical approaches to address them. The event would be organized either during the intersessional period (which would provide more time for technical discussion) or during Plenary (ensuring visibility to MSPs-related issues), possibly together with side events that would build on the five recommendations of the HLPE Report.

Some participants supported the organization of an event (Option 1) in conjunction with Option 2 and/or Option 3 or as a starting point to the more ambitious Option 4 (considered too ambitious by some participants).

Bureau’s decision:

The Bureau decided to organize an event at CFS 46 Plenary Session.

4. CFS Workstream updates

It was clarified that an update on the preparation of the meeting on issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the policy convergence process on Sustainable Forestry, specifically the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition, will be provided at the next joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

It was clarified that the CFS contribution to the HLPF 2019 will be distributed to the Bureau for electronic non-objection before the Chair submits it later in the week.

5. CFS Budget Update

CFS Secretary provided an update on the budget. A follow-up from the Bureau requested additional information on the workload and an approximation of how staff time is allocated among the different activities to help in the MYPoW process.

6. CFS Advisory Group renewal

With regard to the Chair's proposal to elevate the status of the RBAs in the Advisory Group to become ex-officio and extra-quota members of the AG, the Chair informed that consultations with the RBAs are ongoing. Some Bureau members expressed their support for the Chair's proposal. Some delegations pointed out that, in order to avoid a conditioned decision, the Bureau should only analyze the Chair's proposal after receiving written response from the three RBAs on the subject. The Chair reminded the Bureau that the proposal to modify the status of the RBAs was made in an attempt to improve the inclusiveness of CFS, both in line with the Reform Document and in light of the discrepancy between the plenary-approved upper limit of Advisory Group members and the subsequent disagreement at Bureau level on how to effectively distribute those seats.

Bureau members, recognizing that a sizable number of farmers organizations from all regions do not feel adequately represented within the existing mechanisms, thus undermining the core principles of CFS reform of openness and inclusiveness, also expressed their general support towards ensuring a better representation of farmers in the Advisory Group. Both existing mechanisms raised concerns towards establishing a new farmers' cluster because of unnecessary tensions, while acknowledging that a substantial number of farmers' organizations are not currently being represented in the Advisory Group. Bureau took note of that and made clear that a number of prerequisites needed to be further discussed, e.g. that such cluster needed to comprise a critical mass of farmers' organizations, of different sizes, and that it should be autonomous and self-organized way.

It was suggested that the IFAD Farmers Forum could provide a basis for outreaching to farmers' organizations interested in joining this cluster. Asia and Near East invited the Chair to a meeting of their Regional Groups to discuss the CFS AG renewal, as regional group members could benefit from receiving further information as they continue considering the issue. The Chair indicated that he is willing and able to meet with these and other regional groups to provide information on this and any other CFS issue. Bureau agreed to extend the mandate of the current AG until 17 May 2019.

7. Any other business

The Chair informed that the new CFS Secretary, Mr Chris Hegadorn, has been appointed and will be joining the Secretariat on 18 March 2019.

Bureau members requested that the composition of Technical Task Teams and the Ad-hoc Technical Selection Committee of the HLPE Steering Committee be discussed in a future Bureau meeting.

The Bureau was informed that the call for side events at CFS 46 is out and that all stakeholders will be notified soon.

Annex 1: List of attendees of the joint Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Ms Amarilli Villegas, Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa (Ethiopia); Mr Gustat Daud Sirait, Ms Ida Ayu Ratih (Indonesia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Ms Anna-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain (Sudan); Ms Liliane Ortega, Mr Jacopo Schurch (Switzerland); Ms Emily Katkar, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi, Ms Sandrine Goffard (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Ms Mi Nguyen (Canada); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany); Ms Martine Garcia-Mascarenhas (Monaco).

Advisory Group:

Mr Máximo Torero, Mr Panagiotis Karfakis (FAO); Ms Jordana Blankman, Ms Eamonn Gadd (IFAD); Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Ms Hilal Elver, Ms Serena Pepino (UN Special Rapporteur Right to Food); Ms Alessandra Mora (UNSCN); Mr R.D. Cooke (CGIAR); Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Ms Nettie Wiebe, Mr Rodolfo González Greco, Ms Teresa Maisano, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Lisa Sallberger (CSM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (BMGF); Ms Arianna Giuliadori, Ms Luisa Volpe, Ms Giulia de Castro (WFO).

Observers:

Ms Julia Vicioso, Ms Diana Infante (Dominican Republic); Mr Damien Kelly (European Union); Ms Anna Verkaik (Netherlands); Mr Simone Calzetta (Panama); Ms Novella Maugeri (UK).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Mark McGuire (Secretary a.i.), Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Cordelia Salter, Ms Aya Shneerson, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Evariste Nicoletis (HLPE Coordinator).

Annex 2: List of attendees of the Bureau Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano, Ms Amarilli Villegas (Costa Rica); Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa (Ethiopia); Mr Gustat Daud Sirait, Ms Ida Ayu Ratih (Indonesia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Ms Anna-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain (Sudan); Ms Liliane Ortega, Mr Jacopo Schurch (Switzerland); Ms Emily Katkar, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA). Mr Don Syme (New Zealand) presented excuses.

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Mr Oliver Mellenthin, Ms Alissa Sophie Adler (Germany).

Observers:

Ms Diana Infante, Ms Julia Vicioso (Dominican Republic); Mr Damien Kelly, Ms Deborah Di Salvatore (European Union); Ms Gemma Cornau (France); Mr Simone Calzetta (Panama); Ms Novella Maugeri (UK).

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“CFS 46: Accelerating progress on SDG2 to achieve all the SDGs”

Timekeeping and High Level Participation

CFS 46 provides the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction. Delegates are kindly requested to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are not anticipated. In the event that a Member State’s delegation includes high level participation such as a Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary of State (or equivalents), they should inform the Secretariat and will be given priority in the speaker’s list. A traffic light system will be in place to help delegates manage their time.

I. Organizational Matters

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and the Timetable (*for decision*)
- b) Membership of the Committee (*for information*)
- c) Drafting Committee Composition (*for decision*)

Background documents:

- CFS 46 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 46 Provisional Timetable

II. State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019, its policy implications in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (*for information and discussion*)

- a) Opening Statements by the following or their delegates:
 - The UN Secretary General
 - The CFS Chair
 - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
 - The Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Steering Committee

FINAL REPORT: The statements will be listed on the CFS 46 Session Documents

- b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 (SOFI 2019), and any policy implications in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), followed by delegate statements.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the presentation and the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report 2019
- SDG Summit Outcome Document: Political Declaration of Heads of State and Government

III. CFS and the Sustainable Development Goals: Lessons Learned (*for information and discussion*)

Lessons learned on how CFS, in the ten years since its Reform in 2009, has been contributing to the SDGs with a focus on ways to accelerate progress with a keynote by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Ms. Hilal Elver.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the lessons learned and discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- Outline of the Sustainable Development Goals Lesson Learning Session

IV. Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women (for information)

Marking the day of International Day of Rural Women and their contribution to food security and nutrition.

FINAL REPORT: A summary will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

V. Food Systems and Nutrition (for information and discussion)

- a) An update will be provided on the preparation process towards the development of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, including the next steps of the process.
- b) The second progress report on the follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will be made.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition
- Progress Report on Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

VI. Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition (for information and discussion)

The outcomes of the two intersessional events on “The Food Security and Nutritional Impacts of Urbanization and Rural Transformation on Lower Income Groups” and “Promoting Youth and Women Engagement and Employment in Food Systems across the Rural-urban Continuum” will be discussed.

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Summary of the 2018-19 Intersessional Events

VII. Multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda (for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the main challenges faced by multistakeholder partnerships in realizing their potential for contributing to food security and nutrition and the framework of the Agenda 2030. The discussion will be based on the HLPE Report and concrete experiences.

Background documents:

- HLPE Report on Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda
- Outline of the Multistakeholder Partnerships Session

FINAL REPORT: A summary of discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

VIII. Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition (for discussion)

An opportunity for CFS stakeholders to provide feedback on the content of the report and guidance for the policy convergence process.

Background documents:

- High Level Panel of Experts Report on Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition
- Outline of the Agroecological Approaches Session

FINAL REPORT: A summary of discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

IX. Marking the kick off of the UN Decade on Family Farming 2019-2028 (for information)

The importance of the UN Decade on Family Farming and how family farmers contribute to food security and nutrition.

FINAL REPORT: A summary will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

X. The CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 (for decision)

The Committee will endorse and launch the strategic Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023 which defines the objectives, expected outcomes, ways to achieve them and how they will contribute to achieving the Agenda 2030.

FINAL REPORT: The decision and a summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- Draft Decision on the Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023
- Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023

XI. Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations (for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the use and application of the following policy recommendations, considering the Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions endorsed at CFS 43 (CFS 2016/43/7):

- a) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 40 in 2013
- b) Connecting Smallholders to Markets, endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016
- c) Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? endorsed at CFS 43 in 2016

FINAL REPORT: A summary of the discussion will be forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report

Background documents:

- Summary of Stakeholder contributions
- Outline of the Monitoring Session
- Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets
- Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?

XII. Other Matters

- a) Arrangements for the Forty-seventh Session (*For decision*)
- b) Election of the Chair, Bureau Members and Alternates (*For decision*)
- c) Adoption of Final Report (*For decision*)