

## CFS 46 Side Events

So far 17 Expressions of Interest for a Side Event at CFS 46 have been posted and several requests for potential organizers to be put in touch have been processed. The Expressions of Interest can be seen on the [CFS 46 Side Event page](#).

## Food Systems and Nutrition

An OEWG meeting took place on 8 March to discuss the Preliminary Version of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. The document was positively received and comments and inputs were provided on how to improve it. CFS stakeholders were reminded that the process is still at a consultation stage where it is not expected to reach consensus between different positions.

Following the meeting, a relevant number of written comments on the content of the document were provided by CFS stakeholders in order to be considered for incorporation in the final version of the Zero Draft which is expected to be finalized and circulated in English in early May (language versions will be ready by the end of May).

The Zero Draft will represent the main background document of the regional consultations taking place between July and October 2019, funded in part by the generous support of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The regional consultations are an opportunity to receive inputs, comments, and suggestions on how to best align the Voluntary Guidelines with regional/national priorities and needs. They are expected to include participants from governments, civil society organisations, private sector associations, agricultural research organisations, UN bodies, international financial institutions, and private philanthropic foundations.

The following programme has been defined:

- CFS Regional Consultation for Africa, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), 16-17 July 2019
- CFS Regional Consultation for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok (Thailand), 25-26 July 2019
- CFS Regional Consultation for Europe, Budapest (Hungary), 17-18 September 2019
- CFS Regional Consultation for Near East, Cairo (Egypt), 25-26 September 2019
- CFS Regional Consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean, Panama City (Panama), 28-29 October 2019
- CFS Regional Consultation for North America, venue and date to be confirmed

Interpretation in UN official languages relevant to the region will be provided for the plenary sessions.

The regional consultations will be organized by the CFS Secretariat in collaboration with the decentralized offices of FAO, IFAD, WFP and other relevant partners.

The next OEWG meeting is scheduled for 30 May 2019. The invitation and the provisional agenda will be circulated shortly. Details regarding the e-consultation foreseen in the course of the summer will be circulated in the coming weeks.

## Monitoring

### ***CFS 46 Plenary event on the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations***

The objective of the CFS 46 event is to take stock of the use and application of the following three sets of CFS policy recommendations:

- Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition (endorsed in 2013);
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets (endorsed in 2016);
- Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock? (endorsed in 2016).

A call for inputs to share experiences in the use and application of these policy recommendations, which was issued in January 2019 through the [Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum](#), has been extended to 29 April 2019. The call was, for the first time, advertised through the FAO Members Gateway and the HLPE mailing list.

A total of 37 submissions had been received as of 29 April 2019. Only 29 of them provided the requested information in the template, of which 15 were from civil society/NGOs, 8 from academia, 5 from UN organizations and 1 from government, covering national, regional and global levels. The inputs received will inform the preparation of the CFS 46 monitoring event.

### ***Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 in October 2020 on the use and application of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis***

The objective of the 2020 Global Thematic Event (GTE) is to take stock of the use and application of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis (CFS-FFA) endorsed in 2015. A call was issued on 6 March 2019 to share the results of multistakeholder events organized at national, regional and global levels to discuss the use and application of the CFS-FFA. The call will remain open until March 2020.

A second call is planned to be issued through the Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum mid-September 2019 to share experiences and good practices in applying the CFS-FFA. The call will remain open until March 2020.

## HLPE

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

The V2 draft was reviewed by the Steering Committee during its last meeting in Canberra, Australia, 15-17 April 2019, with particular attention to the Summary and Recommendations which will serve as background for the CFS policy convergence process. They should be released no later than mid-May.

The public launch of this report is in the Green Room, FAO HQ on 3 July 2019 from 14.00 – 17.00 and by webcast. The event is also on the RBA calendar.

***Report #15 on Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030***

Based on the CFS request endorsed at CFS 45, the HLPE organized an open consultation on the scope of this report, to gather comments and feedbacks on: (i) the objectives and content of this stocktaking analysis; (ii) experience of situations where CFS policy recommendations and/or HLPE reports were used at different scales by different stakeholders; (iii) most recent relevant references to be considered in this study.

As requested by several CFS stakeholders, this consultation was extended until the 21 January. The full proceedings are available online on the [FSN Forum Website](#).

The HLPE Secretariat Synthesis of this consultation is presently under validation by the Steering Committee and will be published online as soon as possible.

During the last Steering Committee meeting in Canberra, Australia, a provisional calendar of works for this report has been established.

***HLPE Steering Committee Renewal***

The nomination process of the members of the Steering Committee for its 5<sup>th</sup> term was initiated after the last CFS Plenary by an open call for the nomination of experts. The CFS Chair sent a letter on the 29 January 2019, extending the deadline of the call until the 15 February 2019, following the indications given on the HLPE website. 111 candidacies were received, out of which 8 are from the current members.

As per [CFS Rules of Procedure \(Rule V paragraph 4\)](#) an Ad-Hoc Technical Selection Panel (AHTSC), consisting of representatives of FAO, WFP, IFAD, CGIAR and a representative of civil society organizations convened on the 11 April, 2019 and elected Máximo Torero-Cullen, from FAO, as its Chair.

The AHTSC issued a proposal for the composition of the HLPE's Steering Committee (15 names and CVs) that was officially sent by the HLPE Secretariat on the 11 April 2019 to the CFS Chair for dissemination to the CFS Bureau, in preparation for discussion and decision during its meeting of 17 May 2019.

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

A researcher at the International Development Department at the University of Oxford is currently conducting a study on the effectiveness of multistakeholder partnerships in global food security, building on the recent HLPE Report #13 "Multi-stakeholder partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda". The researcher has interviewed members of FAO/CFS and IFAD and has created a survey to gather data linking trust and effectiveness. The results of this research will be published in a thesis in the coming months.

**Outreach activities**

On March 25 2019, the CFS Chair took part in the **Food Bank Learning Institute (FBLI)**, the annual event of the Global Food Bank Network, to discuss progress on achieving Sustainable

Development Goal 2 and particularly the role of food banks in fighting hunger and tackling food waste (SDG target 12.30).

Following that, he left to Bilbao (Spain) to participate in the **VI Global Conference on Family Farming** (25-28 March 2019). The meeting brought together representatives from various governments, agricultural organizations, international organizations (such as FAO and IFAD), rural development associations, cooperatives and research centres to discuss how to improve the livelihoods of family farmers through the UN Decade of Action on Family Farming to be launched at FAO in May this year.

From 2-3 April 2019, the CFS Chair participated in a high-level event of the **Global Network against Food Crises**. The event, which took place in Brussels, was the official launch of the 'The Global Report on Food Crises'. The report is jointly produced by FAO, WFP and their partners. The CFS Chair's participation focused on "Preventing food crises: towards a more structured and integrated governance system".

Also on 26 April, the CFS Chair opened the PSM event on **Transforming Food Systems for Improved Nutrition**.