

Guiding Questions for Bureau and Advisory Group Feedback

Feedback on CFS 46 from the Bureau and Advisory Group members is an important opportunity to reflect on what worked, what could be improved, and what could be done differently, both in the week of the Plenary session and in the intersessional work that led up to it. **Written feedback in advance is welcome**, as is concise feedback during the meeting. (Feedback will be posted in advance of the meeting on the [Bureau & Advisory Group Meeting](#) page on the Working Space.)

An oral presentation providing highlights of the CFS46 feedback survey, sent to all the delegates and participants and which closes on 8 November, will be shared at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

Feedback will be used in future planning and rollout of CFS work. Here are a few guiding questions to prompt feedback:

1. The overall agenda of CFS 46 was designed to be interactive, inclusive and substantively engaging? To what extent was this achieved?
2. Delegates were asked to keep their statements short and succinct, keeping within set time limits. How successful was this approach? Do you have other suggestions to streamline timekeeping and time management, while strengthening substantive debate and interaction?
3. The Secretariat offered to post statements on the CFS 46 website and video-record statements. This was intended, partly, to allow more time for substantive sessions. Do you think this is useful? Would you use such services at future CFS sessions?
4. Are national statements a vital component of CFS plenary; can you think of alternative approaches to these oral statements?
5. In your opinion, how gender-balanced were the panels at CFS 46?
6. How useful do you think the Side Events and Launches were to the overall experience of CFS 46?
7. What other feedback do you have to improve future CFS sessions?
8. Is it useful to have a “theme” for the plenary session?

Summary of CFS 46

Attendance

CFS 46 had 1669 delegates attending the session and representing the following:

- 114 Members of the Committee;
- 12 non-Member States of the Committee
- 16 United Nations Agencies and Bodies;
- 172 Civil society organizations (Civil Society's participation was facilitated by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM). This figure includes 141 CSOs under the umbrella of the CSM)
- 12 International agricultural research organizations;
- 7 International and regional financial institutions;
- 115 Private sector associations and private philanthropic (This figure includes 94 associations under the umbrella of the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)).

High level attendance included One First Lady, 12 Ministers, 8 Vice-Ministers and 1 Undersecretary – see Annex 1 for details.

CFS 46 Opening, and delegate statements

The theme of CFS 46 was “Accelerating progress on SDG 2 to achieve all the SDGs”. The opening of CFS 46 was focused on the SOFI 2019 Report with an opening message from the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres followed by statements by the CFS Chair, the principals of FAO, WFP and IFAD, and the Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee. This was followed by a presentation on SOFI and delegate statements which continued until the end of the morning session and finished Tuesday afternoon. Guidance on the length of delegate statements was communicated by the Secretariat multiple times in advance. High level delegates (and selected groups or mechanisms) were allocated a maximum of five minutes and other delegations, three minutes.

The Secretariat offered to post delegate statements on the [CFS 46 Statements](#) page and a total of 29 were posted throughout the week. For the first time at CFS, delegates were given the option to record video statements (three were requested). Feedback on this pilot should be taken into consideration when planning CFS 47.

Other CFS 46 Agenda Items

Throughout the week the [CFS 46 agenda items](#) were composed of a series of presentations, keynote speakers, panel discussions, including with high level experts designed to inform delegates and make the sessions interesting. The Secretariat piloted the use of the Slido App to poll delegates. On Friday morning, a “Special Event” was organized by the youth delegates of CSM and PSM, focused on youth issues.

CFS 46 Final Report

The CFS 46 Session included decision items that were forwarded to the Drafting Committee for inclusion in the Final Report. As agreed by the plenary, transcription of the items that did not have decisions, were posted on the CFS website and links were included in the report.

World Food Day

CFS 46 was suspended on the morning of 16 October, World Food Day. All CFS Member and non-Member Countries were invited to the ceremony in the morning. The CFS Secretariat distributed 130 World Food Day Ceremony entry badges to CFS Participants and Observers. The event that followed the ceremony was open to all CFS delegates. CFS 46 resumed at 16.00 in the afternoon.

Piloting CVENT for Registration

For the second year, the CFS Secretariat, in partnership with FAO Security and Information Technology Division, used the online event management system CVENT for registering Participants, Observers and Side Event Attendees. All registrations went very efficiently. A revised Side Event Attendee process eliminated problems of the previous year. Members and non-Members continue to use the FAO legacy system which is soon to be updated.

A problem the Secretariat continually faces is deadlines not being respected. Even though registration was kept open until October 9 (the latest it has ever been kept open) many delegates expected to be registered after the deadline, which put a drain on staff resources, as late registration creates more work for the Secretariat.

Side Events

A total of [54 Side Events and 2 launch events](#) were held during CFS 46. These were selected from among 106 applications – a record number – and many chose to merge, at the request of the Secretariat, where themes overlapped. In total, there were a total of 159 Side Event Organizers including organizations new to CFS. Many were organizers in more than one Side Event, with FAO involved in 30 Side Events, IFAD in 11, and WFP in 12. For the full list of Side Event Organizers, see Annex 2 of this document.

The rollout of the Side Events went very well. Attendance at Side Events was recorded by circulating tablets to the attendees during each event. However, there are many challenges to capturing accurate attendance such as late arrivals and early departures, or when the room is crowded. With that, attendance showed a total of 1,793 people attended Side Events (3,859 times distributed in the following way):

- 2 people attended 11 Side Events and 10 Side Events
- 11 people attended 9 Side Events and 8 Side Events
- 32 people attended 7 Side Events
- 50 people attended 6 Side Events
- 76 people attended 5 Side Events
- 128 people attended 4 Side Events
- 196 people attended 3 Side Events
- 379 people attended 2 Side Events
- 870 people attended 1 Side Event

The side events were well attended throughout the week:

CFS 46 Side Events: Average Attendance across the week

	Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
AM		64	65	61
LUNCH	77	69	72	71
PM	70	73	66	

LAUNCH AVERAGE: 70

The Side Event with highest recorded attendance was 120, the second was 115, and two with 107 each, representing an increase on previous years.

Many Side Event organizers sent in their report by the deadline of 4 November. All reports received will be posted on the CFS 46 Side Event page, along with pictures of the Side Event. Feedback from side event organizers is being sought in the CFS 46 Feedback Survey mentioned above.

CFS 46 Outreach and Media

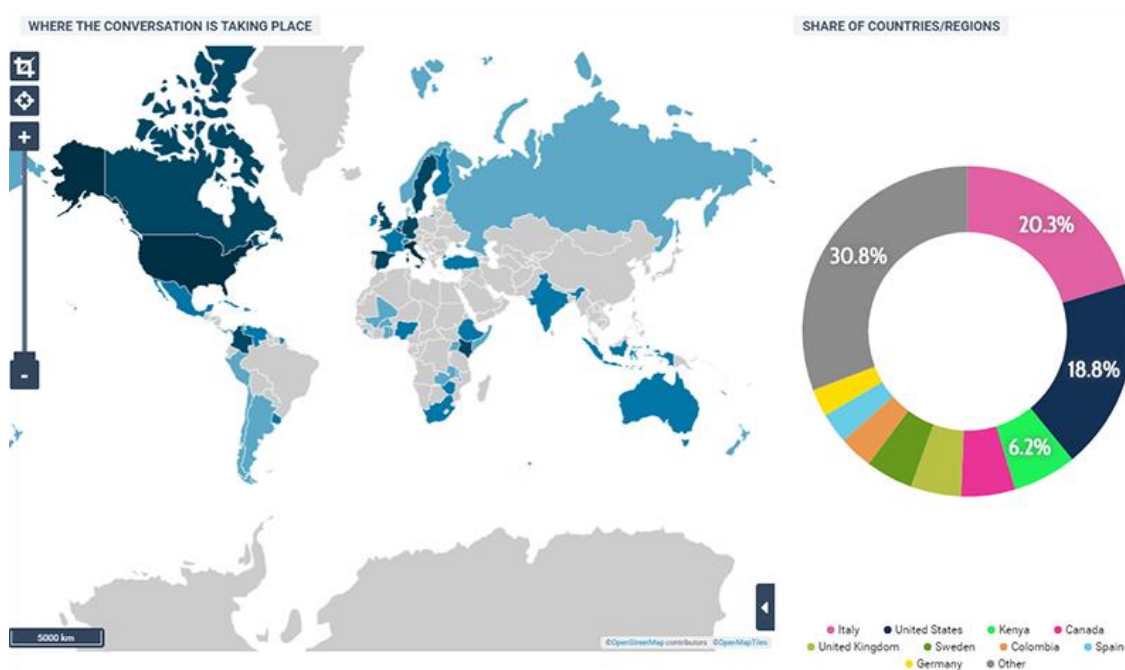
The [CFS 46 web page](#) was the place for delegates to find information on CFS 46. It was visited by 5,284 users during the week of CFS 46, an increase of over 1,200 on the previous year. The average length of time spent on the site was 2 minutes 40 seconds with each user visiting 2.26 pages per session. The top ten user locations were USA, Italy, Argentina, Spain, Colombia, Mexico, UK, Germany, France and Netherlands.

Before the session, information was made available on the intranets of FAO, IFAD and WFP to inform staff on CFS 46.

The FAO newsroom detected 275 mentions of CFS or the Committee on World Food Security (all official languages) in the period 12 – 20 October 2019. Details of the clips can be seen in the accompanying document [CFS 46 Media Clips](#) available on the Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting page of the CFS Working Space.

The Secretariat distributed a first-of-its-kind pin with the CFS logo to attendees, further improving the Committee’s branding.

On October 14, the CFS Secretariat teamed up with the SDG 2 Advocacy Hub, the Permanent Mission of Peru to the RBAs, and the FAO service contractor – Elior; for another first-of-its-kind networking cocktail focused on sustainable aquaculture and healthy diets. Five chefs (from Peru, India, South Africa, USA and Italy) prepared dishes from their regions using only sustainably sourced ingredients. The head of FAO Fisheries Department, the FAO Nutrition Division Director, the CFS Chair, the Ambassador of Peru and the Chefs all spoke to the importance of this issue and the need to do more to raise the issue of fish and aquaculture in food security and nutrition policy debates.



Information Marketplace

Marking ten years since the CFS Reform, for the first time ever all CFS policy work was on display in one venue. The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT), Principles for Responsible investment in agriculture and food systems (CFS-RAI) and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) were in the Atrium and the remainder of the policy work along with selected HLPE reports were in the Flag Hall. A large quantity of CFS policy work was distributed throughout the week.

PaperSmart/Greening

The Print-on-Demand service successfully migrated online this year eliminating the need to resource the Document Desk throughout the week. On Friday, the document desk was opened to distribute paper copies of the draft final report.

The number of requests for paper copies further declined. Unfortunately, a few delegations sent requests for large quantities of documents to be printed but did not pick them up causing a waste of paper.

Participants were invited to choose green accommodation, bring refillable water bottles, and side event organizers were offered sustainable menus. The CO2 equivalent emissions associated with CFS 46 will be offset through the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now platform.

Annex 1 – High Level Attendance at CFS 46

As extracted from the CFS 46 Final Report

Colombia	Primera Dama de Colombia	Sra. Maria Juliana RUIZ SANDOVA
Brazil	Minister for Health	Mr Luiz Henrique MANDETTA
Burkina Faso	Ministre de l’agriculture et des aménagements hydro-agricoles	M. Salif OUÉDRAOGO
Cabo Verde	Minister for Agriculture and Environment	Mr Gilberto SILVA
EU	European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development	Mr Neven MIMICA
Libya	Minister for Agriculture, Animal and Marine Wealth	Mr Abdelbaset GHANIM
Mali	Ministre Commissaire à la Sécurité, Ministre alimentaire	M. Kassoum DENON
Nicaragua	Ministro Agropecuario	Sr Edward CENTENO GADEA
Senegal	Ministre de l’agriculture	M. Moussa BALDÉ
South Sudan	Minister for Agriculture	Mr Onyoti Adigo NYIKWEE
Sudan	Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources	Mr Osman Sharief Basha EISA
United Arab Emirates	Minister of State for Food Security	Ms Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb AL MEHAIRI
Venezuela	Ministro del Poder Popular para la Agricultura Productiva y Tierras	Sr Wilmar Alfredo CASTRO SOLTEDO

Bangladesh	Secretary, Ministry of Food	Mr Shahabuddin AHMED
Brazil	Deputy Vice Minister Ministry of Education	Ms Maria Fernanda NOGUEIRA BITTENCOURT
Finland	Vice Minister for Development Policy Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Ms Elina KALKKU
Hungary	State Secretary for Agriculture	Mr Róbert ZSIGÓ
Norway	State Secretary	Mr Aksel JAKOBSEN
Russian Federation	Deputy Minister for Agriculture	Mr Sergey LEVIN
South Sudan	Undersecretary Ministry of Agriculture and Food	Mr Mathew Gordon MUSA
Sweden	State Secretary for Rural Affairs	Mr Per CALLENBERG
Zambia	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture	Mr Zyongoyawo ZYAMBO

Annex 2 – CFS 46 Side Event Organizers

Organisation	No of SEs
4H International	2
A4NH - Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health	1
African Development Bank (AfDB)	1
African Union Development Agency (AUDA) – New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)	1
Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	1
AgriCord	1
Agripreneurship Alliance	1
Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)	1
Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)	1
Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)	1
Argentina	1
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)	1
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)	1
Bioversity International	1
Biovision Foundation for Ecological Development	1
Brazil	1
Brazil, Ministry of Health	1
Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)	1
Cadasta Foundation	1
Canada	1
Center for Development Research of the University of Bonn, Germany	1
Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD)	2
CFS Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM)	5
CFS Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)	5
CGIAR	2
Chinese Academy Of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)	1
Colombia	1
Cornell University	1
Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)	1
Danone	1
Democratic Republic of Congo	1
Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	1
DSM	1
Ethiopia, Ministry of Education	1
European Union (EU)	5
FAO	30
Farming First	1
Finland	1
Finland, Ministry for Foreign Affairs	1
Finnish National Agency for Education	1
Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau (FiBL)	1
France	2

Friends of Right to Food	1
Gehl urban design consultancy	1
George Washington University	1
Germany, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	2
Germany, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	1
Global Action Network - Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition	1
Global Affairs, Canada	1
Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL)	1
Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)	1
Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)	2
Global Alliance for the Future of Food / Agroecology Fund	1
Global Farmer Network	1
Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR)	1
Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)	1
Global Panel	1
Green Climate Fund	1
HarvestPlus	1
Hivos	2
I4NATURE	1
IFAD	11
International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)	1
Indonesia	1
Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA) Secretariat	1
Institutes of Marine Research - Ireland and Norway	1
Integrated Seed Sector Development (ISSD)	1
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	1
International Agri-Food Network (IAFN)	2
International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)	2
International Collective in Support of Fish Workers (ICSF)	1
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	4
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)	1
International Land Coalition (ILC)	3
International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)	1
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)	1
International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	2
International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food)	1
International Potato Center (CIP)	1
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)	1
Ireland	1
Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	1
Italy	1
Jamix Oy	1
Japan	1
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	2
Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans)	1

Land Portal Foundation	1
Maizall	1
Milan Centre for Food Law and Policy	1
Milan Urban Food Policy Pact	1
Natural Resources Institute (NRI), University of Greenwich, UK	1
Nestle	1
Netherlands	2
New Zealand	1
Nielsen	1
Norway	2
Norway, Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
Norwegian Church Aid	1
Norwegian Farmers` Union	1
Nuffield International	2
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	1
Planet Forward	1
Rabobank	1
Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry;	1
Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (SUN)	1
SDG 2 Advocacy Hub	2
Self Help Africa	1
Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)	1
Swedish FAO Committee	1
Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative	1
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	1
Swiss FAO Committee	1
Switzerland, Federal Office for Agriculture	1
Syngenta	1
Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)	2
The Donkey Sanctuary	1
The Nordic Food Policy Lab	1
Thought for Food	1
Tropical Agricultural Platform (TAP)	1
UK Department for International Development (DFID)	1
UK Embassy, Rome	1
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	1
UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)	1
UN Environment	1
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	1
UN Network (UNN) Secretariat	1
UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR)	1
UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)	1
UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)	3
University of Evora, Portugal	1
Vi Agroforestry	1
Vita	1

Welthungerhilfe	1
WFP	12
WHO	1
Women Deliver	1
World Bank	3
World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA)	1
World Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (CEMAS)	1
World Farmers' Organisation (WFO)	3
World Horse Welfare	1
World Obesity Federation	1
World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	2
World Rural Forum	1
World Vision	2
World Wildlife Fund International (WWF)	2
WorldBank Youth2Youth	1
WorldFish (CGIAR)	1
Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)	2
Youth Ag Summit	1
Zambia	1