

**Draft CSM Contributions to the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting  
28 January 2020**

**Agenda item 1 – Preparations for CFS 47**

**Proposed CFS 47 Agenda, Timetable, and Theme**

- The International Day of Rural Women is proposed in the current draft timetable as a Special event on 15 October, during lunch time. It therefore appears only in the timetable and not in the draft CFS 47 official agenda. From our perspective this is not acceptable. The CFS has been celebrating the international day of rural women within its plenary session for the last two years, and de-locating it to lunch time, outside of the plenary will also make it disappear from the Final Report. The International Day of Rural Women must be part of the formal CFS agenda, also because of its extremely relevance for the proposed theme of CFS 47 “Transforming food systems to end all forms of malnutrition” and for its relevance towards the engagement of the upcoming Voluntary Guidelines on Gender equality and Women’s empowerment. We therefore propose to start the Plenary on Thursday, 15 October with the commemoration of the International Day of Rural Women. This would set the tone for the remaining sessions towards the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and the debate on the Global Food Systems Summit.
- The Process on gender equality and women’s empowerment is planned to start after the Plenary 2020. The Plenary agenda needs to include therefore a decision for this process which would establish the OEWG and the workplan, appoint a Chair for the OEWG and agree on a timeline. Hence, Agenda item V should be for discussion and decision.
- Agenda item V needs to be for decision as well as the request for the HLPE report 2022 needs to be adopted in October 2020.
- We welcome the inclusion of a discussion on the Food Systems Summit as an agenda item of CFS 47. This Agenda Item VII should be for discussion and decision, as it should clarify, by Plenary decision what role and contributions the CFS will have regarding the Food Systems Summit. This topic should be included as a recurrent agenda item into the AG-Bureau discussions this year, as it was said already at the last AG-Bureau meeting.
- The presentation and discussion of the HLPE note on the Global Narrative for Food Security and Nutrition should have its own space in the Plenary agenda, should not be subsumed under the Food Systems Summit. This discussion could be included on Wednesday afternoon, when so far only Side events are foreseen for the plenary time.
- The Decade on Family Farming should also be included in the Plenary Agenda, could as well be on Wednesday afternoon.
- Agenda item III should say “Adoption” of the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other innovative approaches, as it is foreseen for the other policy instrument to be adopted by CFS 47, the VG on Food Systems and Nutrition.

**CFS 47 Final Report Preparation**

- The proposal for the elaboration of the Final report provides a good starting point but does not solve the complicate issue of how to summarize the plenary debates in the final report.
- The proposals made by Afghanistan during the AG-Bureau meeting should be considered.

- We believe the CFS report should be a fair and accurate reflection of the plenary discussion. It does not have so much the character of conclusion, rather should aim to be a dynamic summary of the discussion.
- For drafting such fair, short and accurate summary of the debates, a group that reflects the diversity of CFS participants could be tasked to elaborate with the support of the 'CFS Secretariat, a first draft summary on each Plenary debate, which then would be sent to the Drafting Committee for consideration.

#### **CFS 47 Side Events: Criteria, Guidance and Conditions**

- An additional criterion should be added to the list:  
When deciding on the selection of Side Event request, special attentions and space should be given to those constituencies and organizations that voice the needs, rights and struggles of those most affected by hunger and malnutrition. The CFS reform established that special attention should be given to these constituencies.
- The CSM and its participation organizations, as other members and participants, have usually organized autonomous consultations and events during CFS Plenary. They are not formal CFS Side events and can be sometimes more internal or also open to other CFS participants.

#### **Agenda item 2 – Resource Mobilization Strategy**

- The resource mobilization strategy is not explicit about what exactly will be done. This needs further elaboration, as Spain and Switzerland pointed out during the AG-Bureau meeting.
- In this context, it would be important to specifically know what kind of safeguards against possible conflict of interest are foreseen and how they will be applied and monitored.
- For an effective mobilization strategy, there is the need to see a detailed budget and regular financial updates of the CFS, in order to identify the gaps for the MYPOW 2020-2023 and the needs for a more elaborated resource mobilization strategy.
- In these financial updates, also the HLPE and CSM should be included, as part of the overall CFS budget and financial picture.

#### **Agenda item 3 – Monitoring: Update on Framework for Action**

Our most important message here is to alert members and participants that the deadline for both calls of input is approaching, as the CFS Secretariat recalled, and it is necessary to:

- 1-Still mobilize national and regional multi-stakeholder platforms to organize events on the FFA and at the least allocate sessions within conferences/meetings which then can be reported to the Monitoring process.
- 2- Submit individual experiences which should be a much simpler task (for the second call).
- 3- Encourage that actors submit experiences that exhibit the comprehensive nature of the FFA ie. connecting humanitarian + development assistance, addressing root causes of food insecurity in crises using a human rights approach, and building sustainable peace.
- There are many actors that are active in protracted crises and the amount of experiences are endless, but it is particularly the "comprehensive responses" that the FFA advocates for. And in that direction, perhaps we can make room for multi-actor programs to submit experiences because these tend to be the most comprehensive.

- 4-Would be good to hear from the Secretariat, Members and Advisory Group members about their activities related to this monitoring process.
- 5-CSM is organizing again, as in previous years, a consultations process towards its own independent report on the FFA application.
- 6- The Global Thematic Event at the CFS Plenary in October should become a very important moment for calling for a much stronger commitment and more comprehensive uptake and application of the Framework for Action.
- We would like to know what happened after the CFS Chair letter that was sent out on the Yemen crisis.