The CFS Bureau annually selects a theme for each CFS Plenary Session. A theme helps to raise awareness about a particular issue, highlight a specific topic, and/or rally membership support for a specific broad objective, such as “Accelerating Progress on SDG2 to Achieve All the SDGs” (theme of CFS 46).

In their meeting of January 28, 2020 the Bureau and Advisory Group discussed the Secretariat’s proposal of having “Transforming Food Systems to End All Forms of Malnutrition” as the theme for CFS 47, to be held in October 2020. This theme was proposed in light of the ongoing process to develop CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches as well as the upcoming Food Systems Summit planned for 2021.

At their meeting of January 31, 2020 Bureau Members were unable to decide upon text for a specific theme for CFS 47. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to present options for a discussion and decision at its next meeting, including the possibility of considering using the same theme as the 2020 SOFI report, or no theme at all.

Other options proposed by participants in the January Bureau meeting were:

1. “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems to End Hunger All Forms of Malnutrition”
2. “Ensuring Sustainable Food Systems to End Hunger and All Forms of Malnutrition”
3. “Reshaping Sustainable Food Systems to End Hunger and All Forms of Malnutrition”
4. Sofi theme: “Transforming Food Systems for Affordable Healthy Diets to End hunger and All Forms of Malnutrition”

The Bureau is asked to decide on a theme for CFS 47.