

CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 – CFS 2019/46/7

Activity 2.1.3. Gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition

Process:

- 80. CFS will start the process by setting-up an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) whose first task will be reviewing existing CFS policy guidance and other reference documents in order to inform the development of Terms of Reference (ToRs). The ToRs will prioritize the most relevant issues that can best be tackled in the final version of the VGs in the context of CFS and FSN.
- 81. Following the adoption of ToRs, the OEWG will develop and agree on policy guidance through an inclusive and consensus-based process.
- 82. The process will benefit from the organization of e-consultations, expert group meetings and regional consultations involving all CFS stakeholders.

As the workstream on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE) is set to commence after CFS 47, this conversation with the Bureau and its Advisory Group is intended to highlight issues for the membership well in advance, including the possibility of process delays stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The planning of activities below has been proposed for the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines (VGs) on Gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE), This supposes the submission of VGs for final adoption at CFS 49 (as approved in the 2020-23 CFS MYPoW), with a one-and-a-half year policy convergence process.

	Plan: submission of VGs at CFS 49 in October 2022
Appointment of the Chair of the OEWG	By early September 2020
Forming of a Technical Task Team	By early September 2020
Phase 0: Preparation of TORs	- OEWG meetings in December 2020 - February 2021 - Endorsement of TORs by Bureau by March 2021
PHASE 1 – Preparation of Zero Draft	Regional Consultations April 2021 – June 2021
PHASE 2 – Discussion of the Zero Draft	July - November 2021
PHASE 3 – Preparation and discussion of Draft One	December 2021 – March 2022
PHASE 4 – Preparation and negotiation of the final version:	April – June 2022
PHASE 5 – Endorsement of the VGs	October 2022



Proposed planning for the activities of the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Workstream

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Selection of an Open-Ended Working Group Chair

Nominations for this position will be sought starting this summer, prompted by an email from the Secretariat soliciting nominations for this position. The OEWG Chair will be selected by the Bureau before CFS 47.

Creation of a Technical Task Team on GEWE

A Technical Task Team (TTT) will be created to assist the Secretariat. The tasks of the Technical Task Team will include providing inputs to prepare draft Terms of Reference of the VGs, background documents and successive versions of the VGs for the OEWG meetings.

A Scoping Paper is being developed to inform CFS discussions after CFS 47 and help identify the most significant issues to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition. The RBAs' gender focal points will assist with a review of this Paper which, along with other publicly available reports and documents, will assist in identifying key issues and relevant data for consideration by the TTT and Committee (particularly in the absence of any accompanying HLPE report on this topic).