

CFS Open Meeting on Food Systems and Nutrition

- *How the HLPE Report is paving the way for the CFS Voluntary Guidelines* -

Wednesday 30 January 2019 – 9.30-12.30

Green Room, FAO

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a space for an open and informal discussion among CFS stakeholders on the different elements of the HLPE report on Nutrition and Food Systems¹ that are expected to inform the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

As per the Terms of Reference endorsed by the CFS Plenary in October 2018², the CFS policy process will follow the conceptual framework introduced in the HLPE report using the three constituent elements of food systems – *food supply chains, food environments and consumer behaviour* – as main policy entry points.

In addition, the Voluntary Guidelines, for each of these three constituent elements, will consider the different typologies of food systems which in the HLPE report have been clustered as traditional, mixed and modern.

It would therefore be beneficial to allow the HLPE to better explain the rationale of its classifications while also generating a space for informal but substantive discussion among CFS stakeholders on the entry points for normative initiatives (laws, policies and programmes) provided by these classifications.

The informal settings of the open meeting may offer the opportunity to CFS stakeholders to expose the different angles they may have on the matter, share views on and clarify the concepts and ideas presented in the report in order to build common ground in view of the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines.

The meeting aims at building shared knowledge and understanding on the different issues at stake, in line with the previous CFS Nutrition intersessional events³. Following the meeting, the CFS Nutrition OEWG Chair will circulate an informal document capturing the main points raised during the discussion which is intended to serve as a reference for future steps of the process.

The event will be webcasted and can be followed through this link:

<http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4925/icode/>

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i7846e.pdf>

² http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/bodies/CFS_sessions/CFS_45/MX516_6/MX516_CFS_2018_45_6_en.pdf

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/bodies/CFS_44/MU271_INF_19/MU271_Rev1_CFS_2017_44_INF_19_REV1_en.pdf

Proposed programme outline

- Module 1 – How the HLPE Food System Framework and Typologies will serve the elaboration of the Guidelines?
 - Presentation of HLPE Food System Framework and Typologies by Jessica Fanzo, HLPE Project Team Leader
 - Open debate
- Module 2 – Open discussion on key concepts, definitions and controversial points