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Update on CFS 43

CSF 43 Opening

The King of Morocco is not able to participate in CFS 43 as the keynote. Accordingly, the Chair is now exploring the availability of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser.

VGGT Monitoring Event

The Secretariat has shared the proposed format for the event with the OEWG on Monitoring and the comments have been incorporated in the last version of the proposal which is being discussed at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 8 July under agenda item 7, VGGT – Multi-stakeholder stocktaking dialogue. The compilation of contributions from stakeholders documenting experiences and good practices in the use and application of the VGGT worldwide and an analysis of the information provided, building on the contributions, have also been shared for comment and is on the [OEWG Monitoring Working Space](#) page. More than 60 contributions have been received.

Letters of invitation and registration

Invitation letters to high level dignitaries and delegates are in dispatch. Information on registration and expression of interest in attending CFS 43 will be on the CFS 43 web page by the time of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 8 July.

Side Events

The call for Side Events closes on 8 July. Applicants will be informed whether their side event has been accepted by 29 July. The compiled list of side events will be shared with the Bureau shortly after this date.

40th Birthday Exhibit and Information Marketplace

The CFS 40th Birthday Exhibit and the Information Marketplace will be held in the Atrium of FAO. The call for participants in the Information Marketplace is on the CFS 43 web page. Exhibitors are asked to provide links to all material they wish to display in order to comply with FAO corporate guidelines. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

As part of the birthday exhibit, the Secretariat is currently digitizing the session documents from the first session of CFS in 1976 to CFS 23 in 1997 which are currently only on paper.

CFS 43 Preview Information Session, IFAD 29 September

The CFS 43 Preview Information Session will be held at IFAD on 29 September from 10.00 to 12.00. The purpose of the session is to brief Members and Participants on what to expect in the upcoming session.

Greening of CFS 43

As part of its efforts to be a greener Committee, and based on the high level of wasted paper at CFS 42, for CFS 43 the document desk will be a “print on demand” centre. Delegates who do not have electronic devices that can be used for reading session documents will be able to request paper

copies. Requests for documents will be possible either in person or by email. Other information on how CFS 43 is greening will be posted on the CFS 43 web page including suggestions for how delegates can support the greening initiative.

Workstream and activity updates

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The OEWG-SDGs held its 4th and last meeting on 22 June 2016 in IFAD, in which it reached an agreement on the Proposal for CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A final version of the proposal including amendments discussed during the meeting will be circulated to the OEWG on 24 June for a “no-objection procedure” and final wording-check by 1st July. These documents will serve as session documents to the CFS 43 Plenary session on SDGs.

In addition, the OEWG requests the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group to consider amending the CFS 43 annotated agenda for the SDG session. This would allow space for plenary to both endorse the proposal and give guidance on the nature and scope of CFS contribution to the HLPF in 2017, which would be prepared by the OEWG and endorsed by the Bureau.

The CFS contribution to the 2016 High Level Political Forum meeting held under the theme “ensuring that no one is left behind” was submitted on 16 May 2016. It is available on the [HLPF website](#).

With the support of the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Switzerland in NY, the CFS Secretariat will organise a side-event in the HLPF on “[Leaving no one behind in food security and nutrition governance: the inclusive process and policy tools of the Committee on World Food Security](#)”.

An intersessional information event was held at WFP on 17 June on “From the MDGs to the SDGs: Understanding the meaning of the 2030 Agenda for Food Security and Nutrition”. The event aimed to inform CFS stakeholders and offer the opportunity to exchange views on the implications of the 2030 Agenda for food security and nutrition actors.

Nutrition

The OEWG on Nutrition held its 3rd meeting on 29 April. The OEWG agreed the Proposal for CFS engagement in advancing nutrition and the decision text for consideration by the Bureau and Advisory Group and decision by the Bureau after a last exchange of written comments among the OEWG members. These documents will serve as background documents to the CFS 43 Plenary session on Nutrition.

On Friday 10 June an intersessional event on “Trade and Nutrition: Opportunities and Risks” was jointly organized by the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) and CFS and held at FAO. It aimed at increasing common understanding about healthy diets in the context of trade and value chains. It highlighted the opportunities and constraints in enhancing coherence between trade policy and nutrition action. The event was opened by Michel Mordasini, Chair of UNSCN and the CFS Chair.

The presentations are available on the CFS website at: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/events/uncntrade/en/>

CFS Forum on Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition

On 5 May the Secretariat invited Bureau and Advisory Group members to send written feedback by June 3 on the proposed Forum's agenda and first draft of the background document. Comments and suggestions were received from the World Bank, WFO, USA, IFAD, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, the UK and CSM.

The key areas for policy attention laid out in the first draft background document were also discussed and refined in the context of the second technical workshop which was held on 7 June at IFAD. A summary package of the workshop outcomes is included in the background documents for the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting of 8 July.

Comments received have been addressed by the Secretariat in a revised version of the background document (second draft) which, together with a revised Forum agenda and draft decision for CFS 43, will be discussed at the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 8 July.

MYPoW

Following the first MYPoW OEWG meeting on 18 March where an initial exchange of views on the HLPE work in 2018 took place, OEWG members were given one month to submit additional proposals for future HLPE themes. The Secretariat then circulated a compilation of the inputs and requested OEWG members to indicate their preferred proposals in ranked order of priority. Based on the results of the ranking exercise, a Chair's proposal was prepared and discussed at the MYPoW meeting on 20 June. This proposes the HLPE be requested to produce a report on "Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda". OEWG participants have additional time until 1 July for OEWG members to provide feedback and inputs concerning this topic. Based on the views presented, a refined proposal addressing the additional feedback will be presented by the MYPoW OEWG Chair for approval by the Bureau, following consultation with the Advisory Group, at its meeting on 8 July. An additional OEWG meeting will be held in September to discuss the proposal and the process for elaborating the full MYPoW in 2017.

Furthermore, the OEWG recommended the CFS Bureau request the HLPE to prepare a new note on critical and emerging issues for food security and nutrition to be presented by the end of 2017 to feed the discussions of the MYPoW OEWG from the beginning of its next mandate.

It was decided to suggest the adoption by the Committee of an additional selection criteria for future CFS activities that takes into account the contribution of the proposed activity to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Monitoring

The "Terms of Reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels" and the associated decision box were agreed following an exchange of written comments after the second

and last OEWG meeting on Monitoring on 17 March. They are available on the Working Space OEWG page and are submitted for consideration of the Bureau and Advisory Group and the Bureau. An update on the planned VGGT monitoring event to be held at CFS 43 is included under CFS 43 updates, above.

Connecting Smallholders to Markets

Following the preparation by the Task Team of the Zero Draft which was circulated in March, CFS Stakeholders were invited to provide written inputs and comments electronically and during an informal consultation held on 28 April. The comments were all shared on the CFS website. The suggestions received were taken into consideration in the OEWG Chair's proposal which represented the basis for the negotiations, held on 8 and 9 June in FAO, chaired by Anna Gebremedhin (Finland). The OEWG reached consensus and finalized the set of recommendations, which will be presented for endorsement at CFS 43 in October 2016.

Global Strategic Framework (GSF)

The GSF OEWG, chaired by Fernanda Mansur Tansini (Brazil), met on 2 May and agreed on the objectives, guiding principles and main elements of the periodic update of the GSF that will be presented for approval at CFS 44 in 2017. Consensus was found on those overarching frameworks and principles in the field of food security and nutrition that should be added to Chapter 3 and the types of changes to be made in Chapter 4 to improve the GSF's usability without changing its substance nor reopening already agreed text. There was also a discussion on ways to better disseminate the GSF and it was agreed that this matter should be further addressed in the future. The first version of the updated GSF will be circulated by the end of September/early October 2016 for consideration by the OEWG members.

HLPE

Report on Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, Including the Role of Livestock

The report will be launched on 1 July in the Red Room at FAO and also by webcast. The summary and recommendations are already available in 6 languages on the HLPE website. Draft translations of the main text of the report will be made available approximately one week before the meeting of 25 July. The second meeting will be on 8-9 September.

H.E. Ambassador Yaya Olaniran (Nigeria) has been nominated as the Rapporteur for the policy convergence process related to this report. FAO will be the lead technical agency and have nominated Henning Steinfeld, Chief AGAL as technical focal point with Ms Anne Mottet, Livestock Policy Officer, AGAL as alternate in his absence.

Report on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition

The public e-consultation on the V0 Draft of the report was opened on the 31 May for one month. The second in-person meeting of the Project Team will take place in The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Costa Rica, at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Ronnie de Camino Velozo, Project Team Member, from 6 to 9 July.

Report on Nutrition and Food systems

The e-consultation on the HLPE Steering Committee Issues Note attracted 122 contributions totalling 218 pages. The full proceedings, and the HLPE Secretariat synthesis of this consultation are available online: <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/nutrition-and-food-systems>.

From the 139 candidatures received, the HLPE Steering Committee has selected the Project Team which takes into account scientific experience, diversity of competencies among the team, regional and gender balance. The first in-person meeting of the Project Team will take place in London from 31 August to 2 September.

Critical and emerging issues note

The HLPE Steering committee has examined the documents that will be submitted for consultation. The HLPE is waiting for CFS to request the note, which is on the agenda of the Bureau and Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting of 8 July.

13th Steering Committee Meeting

The 13th Steering Committee meeting took place at Columbia University, New York at the invitation of Dr Eileen Kennedy, HLPE Steering Committee member, during the first week of May. The report on “Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: what roles for Livestock?” was approved during this meeting. As per usual practice, a special exchange seminar was co-organized by the HLPE and Columbia University on the 5th May.

CFS Evaluation

The first mission of the Evaluation Manager was carried out from 26 May to 3 June. The broad objectives of the mission were to understand the roles of CFS stakeholders, hear from them what issues the evaluation should explore and emphasise and identify documents and other information sources. The Evaluation Manager is now preparing the Inception Report together with the Team Leader who is being recruited. The Inception Report is tentatively planned to be presented to the Bureau and Advisory Group in the 8 July meetings. Total budget commitments and planned contributions for the evaluation amount to USD 413,00 against a total needed of USD 450,000.

Budget

The budget for implementing the CFS MYPoW 2016-17 has been updated and shows a significantly decreased funding gap compared to the figures communicated to the Bureau and Advisory Group at the end of March 2016. However the gap still amounts to USD 2.2 million (USD 0.7 million for CFS Plenary Session and Workstreams, USD 1.0 million for HLPE and USD 0.5 million for Civil Society Mechanism). A discussion on the budget, with separate documentation, is planned in the 8 July meeting (see agenda). As at June 2016 there are no clear signs of additional resource support being provided for 2017 for either the HLPE or CFS Plenary Session and Workstreams.

Communication and outreach

The CFS website has a new Workstreams and Activities section. Each of the main areas of work now has its own dedicated page making all of the background information more easily accessible. How each area relates to the Sustainable Development Goals is also shown on the page.

CFS now regularly publishes blogs on the social media platform Medium. The blogs are based on CFS products, policy recommendations and HLPE Reports and are intended to raise awareness of the work of CFS with new and different audiences. So far the topics covered include water for food security and nutrition, the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment and Food Systems, Biofuels and food security, the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises and food security and climate change. So far these articles have been read by over 400 people. See the articles and [Follow @UN_CFS on Medium](#) to get updates when a new blog is posted.

Through its social media channels CFS is actively promoting the SDGs and SDGs-related topics by regularly sharing quality articles, infographics, facts and figures on 2030 Agenda, SDGs, and sustainable development in general. As a result of this and other social media outreach, in 6 months the CFS audience on Twitter has grown 40% and 12% on Facebook.

The Summer 2016 edition of the CFS newsletter was sent out on 7 June to about 5,000 subscribers. If you do not already receive the newsletter, [sign up here](#).

The CFS Secretariat and the Rome-based agencies are currently working on an outreach event on the Framework for Action for Addressing Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises. The event will most likely take place in Nairobi in September 2016 and target relevant food security and nutrition stakeholders, including RBA field staff. The objective of the event will be to raise awareness of the FFA and to operationalize efforts at country level. The event is organized with funds from the EU Global Governance for Hunger Reduction Programme.

Chair's Outreach

See Annex 1 below for an update on CFS engagement at the FAO Regional Conferences in 2016 including the Chair's participation and side events organized by the Secretariat and FAO regional offices. Other events that the Chair has participated in include:

The OPEC International Fund for Development (OFID) Seminar on The Long-term Challenges of Food Security (30 March, Wien, Austria). The Chair participated in a high-level panel discussion with the heads of Agricultural Research Institutes and International Financial Organizations. The CFS model was introduced to OFID and its member countries who were invited to participate in the work of the Committee. The seminar was also an opportunity to have an exchange with UN agencies and research institutes on the contribution CFS can make when addressing some of the long-term challenges of food security.

United Nations Headquarters (20-22 April 2016, New York, USA). During this mission, the Chair participated in a series of high-level events. **The UN High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the 2030 Agenda** served to increase international awareness and political momentum around the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. This debate highlighted the potential role of the CFS products and policy recommendations in achieving the 2030 agenda. **Transforming our Food Systems to Transform our World: The Zero Hunger Challenge** and the **Sustainable Development Agenda Roundtable** showcased pathways to transform and benchmark food systems from production to

consumption through individual and collective action. The speakers exchanged their views on how policy change and investment in food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, at scale, can pay dividends across the whole of the 2030 Agenda, beyond SDG2, contributing to ending poverty, delivering equality and safeguarding the planet. **The Ceremony Signature of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and The Launching of the Implementation of the Climate Change Agreement** showed the linkages between climate change and food security in the global policy debate. The CFS High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) evidence-based report on climate change and food security was highlighted as an important contribution for policy-makers.

The Global Governance of Food Security and Nutrition: Progress and Challenges (27 April, Brussels, Belgium). The event, co-organized by FAO and the European Union, discussed long term challenges for food security and nutrition and the role of the Committee. In her intervention the Chair highlighted the importance of keeping food security and nutrition high on the global agenda and the need to act collectively and to share the global responsibility for building more durable solutions.

Conference on Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems: For the Benefit of All (28 April, Fribourg, Switzerland). The conference looked at ways that the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems can have a positive impact along the entire value chain. Through her intervention the Chair focused on the need for more and better targeted investment in agriculture and food systems that ensure benefits will go to those that need those most.

34th General Assembly of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), (19-21 May 2016, Khartoum, Sudan). The Chair addressed the Arab Ministers of Agriculture and informed them on the work of CFS and the policy recommendations and guidelines which are most relevant to the Arab region. In her statement the Chair also highlighted the inclusive and multi-stakeholder model of CFS, which is essential to give CFS products their broad legitimacy.

On the margins of the General Assembly, the Chair discussed ways for CFS and the AOAD to collaborate and it was tentatively agreed to organize an event on Food Losses and Waste in Khartoum in September 2016.

World Humanitarian Summit (23-24 May 2016, Istanbul, Turkey). The Chair participated as a panelist in the Zero Hunger side event titled “Zero Hunger by 2030 – Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security for All”. The event, co-organized by The Government of Ireland, FAO, IFAD, WFP, WHO, OCHA, CFS, UNICEF, UNSCN, the Global Nutrition Cluster, the Zero Hunger Challenge and Action Against Hunger, discussed how to collaborate to spearhead the challenge of shifting from emergency food distribution to building people’s resilience for reducing food insecurity and preventing conflicts. The event showcased the Framework for Action as a powerful policy tool to address food insecurity and malnutrition in protracted crises.

Other events:

- Launch of the **JICA Initiative for Improving Nutrition in Africa (IFNA)**, FAO HQ, April 29
- Workshop on the **Role of FAO and Private Sector to translate the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI) into action**, FAO HQ May 9
- UNSCN event on **Trade and Nutrition: Opportunities and Risks**, FAO HQ, June 10
- Video message to the **Global Water Partnership** initiative to support the implementation of the CFS-HLPE policy recommendations on Water for Food Security in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18-19 May

- Video message to the **General Assembly of the World Farmers Organization**, Livingston, Zambia, 4-6 May

Upcoming events:

- XII Policy Against Hunger (22 – 24 June 2016, Berlin, Germany)
- High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (July 2016, New York, USA)

ANNEX1: CFS Engagement in the 2016 FAO Regional Conferences

Objectives

The main objectives of this year's CFS engagement with FAO Regional Conferences were to:

- Accelerate efforts towards strengthening two-way interaction between the Committee and the regions;
- Share the results of the 41st and 42nd CFS Plenary Sessions;
- Raise awareness and encourage the use and application of CFS decisions and policy products at the national and regional level.

Activities

In 2016 CFS engagement consisted of three principal activities:

- 1) Statement by the CFS Chair H.E. Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass to the Ministerial Meetings in all Regional Conferences;
- 2) Presentation and discussion on CFS past and ongoing activities at the Senior Officers Meeting in those Regional Conferences where CFS was included as an agenda item for discussion or decision;
- 3) The organization of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on "Sharing experiences and taking stock of the use and application of the VGGTs in Europe and Central Asia" at the margins of the European Regional Conference and a side event on "Building an effective regional dialogue on food security and nutrition in the Near East and North Africa Region" at the Near East Regional Conference.

Outcomes

Statement by the CFS Chair to the Ministerial Meetings in all Regional Conferences

The Chair's statements provided an update on the activities of the Committee and an overview of the main outcomes of CFS 41 and 42, the two most notable being the endorsement of the 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).

In her statements the Chair also highlighted the relevance of CFS policy recommendations to the priorities identified by the regional groups and encouraged all stakeholders to strive to implement them.

The Chair's statement provided an opportunity to inform the delegates about the CFS Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2016-2017 and the three reports that have been requested from the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) namely *Sustainable agricultural development, including the role of Livestock* (2016), *Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition* (2017) and *Nutrition and Food Systems* (2017). The Chair also encouraged regional multi-stakeholder representatives to actively participate in the activities that the Committee will carry out during the upcoming biennium

including the work to advance the agenda on nutrition, on urbanization and rural transformation and women's empowerment.

Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LARC), 29 February - 3 March 2016, Mexico City, Mexico

Extract from the Report:

The Conference endorsed the report on the activities of CFS over the period 2014-2015, its Multi-Year Programme of Work for the biennium 2016-17 and the guidance note for the selection of future CFS activities.

Requested that implementation of policies agreed within CFS be encouraged, including the recently adopted Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises, as well as other instruments already in use in the region, such as the voluntary guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food and voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security.

Regional Conference for Africa (ARC), 4-8 April 2016, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Extract from the Report:

The Regional Conference reviewed recent developments and deliberations of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and considered appropriate follow-up actions in the Africa Region. H.E. Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), reported on the accomplishments of the CFS over the past two years and the relevance of this work to the FAO Regional Conference. She noted in particular the endorsement of the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises. She also informed that CFS endorsed its Multi-Year Programme of Work for the biennium 2016-2017 and the guidance note for the selection of future CFS activities.

The Regional Conference:

- a) *Took note of the CFS outcomes including its effort in strengthening linkages between global commitments and regional/national efforts to ensure food security and nutrition for all;*
- b) *Encouraged the implementation of CFS policy products and invited the active participation of all stakeholders in the activities to be carried out by the Committee in 2016-2017.*

Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) - 4-6 May 2016, Antalya, Turkey

Extract from the Report:

The Conference considered the document ERC/16/2 Update on the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The Chairperson of the CFS, reported on its accomplishments over the past two years and the relevance of its work to the FAO Regional Conference. She noted, in particular, the endorsement of the 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), as well as the endorsement of three sets of policy recommendations, which were scientifically informed by reports of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE), and with policy recommendations on food losses and waste being of particular relevance in the region. She also reported that CFS had decided to place the implementation of the SDGs at the centre of its work and underlined the universality of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Conference:

- a) *Welcomed the progress achieved, in particular the endorsement of the 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).*
- b) *Welcomed that the independent evaluation to assess the effectiveness of CFS since its reform in 2009 can start in 2016, and encouraged the active participation of all stakeholders in the activities to be carried out by the Committee in 2016-2017.*
- c) *Advocated greater involvement of the CFS to add value to relevant global issues such as the SDGs and nutrition, in line with its mandate and without overloading its agenda.*

Under the item “Priorities for FAO’s work in the Europe and Central Asia region”:

The Conference:

Highlighted that attention should continue to be given to addressing gender equality and women’s empowerment, young farmers and youth employment, and transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases, and to promoting the use of CFS and FAO voluntary guidelines.

CFS Multistakeholder Dialogue on “Sharing experiences and taking stock of the use and application of the VGGTs in Europe and Central Asia”

The event highlighted some of the experiences and good practices and specific challenges faced in the region when implementing the Voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security (VGGT). The event also provided an opportunity to discuss the application of the VGGT in development cooperation as the region is home to a number of development partners. [Read the Report of the event.](#)

Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC), 9-13 May 2016, Rome, Italy.

Extract from the Report:

The Conference reviewed recent developments and deliberations of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and considered appropriate follow-up actions in the Near East Region.

The Conference:

- a) *recognized the importance of the CFS as the most inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together in a coordinated way to ensure food security and nutrition for all;*

- b) *encouraged all stakeholders to disseminate, promote, make use of the “Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI)”, “Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA)” and Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT);*
- c) *encouraged all stakeholders to implement the recommendations resulting from the policy roundtables on “Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems”, “Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture for Food Security and Nutrition” and “Water for Food Security and Nutrition”; and*
- d) *encouraged member countries to engage actively in the ongoing CFS activities under the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2016-17, especially in areas of increasing importance to the region, such as the SDGs and Nutrition*

Side event on “Building an effective regional dialogue on food security and nutrition in the Near East and North Africa Region”

The side event provided an opportunity for the region to reflect on the need to build on existing institutions and move towards a more coherent, coordinated, partnership-based approach to eradicate hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. The idea of a regional multi-stakeholder platform for food security and nutrition was identified as a concrete step in this direction.