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1. UPDATES ON CFS PROCESSES

Reports from CFS 44

On October 13th the CFS 44th Plenary Session concluded by adopting the [CFS Final Report](#) including all policy decisions agreed during the [week's sessions](#) and the conclusions from the Plenary Session debates. A new CFS Chair was elected for the next biennium October 2017-October 2019, Ambassador Mario Arvelo from the Permanent Representation of the Dominican Republic in Rome. Ambassador Arvelo made an opening speech recalling the importance of the human rights perspective to foster the vision of the CFS, the progressive realization of the Right to adequate food. See his intervention [here](#).

The CSM delivered a final statement during the last CFS 44 session day, with an overview of the week's achievements and challenges that can be read [here](#). It highlighted key aspects of the CFS 44, such as the breakthrough for women's rights, the outcomes of the Forestry process, the request for an HLPE report on agroecology, the importance of the right to food monitoring process, the CFS evaluation and other aspects.

The CSM Working Groups finalized their contributions and key messages during the CSM Forum and delivered their interventions on the different CFS Policy Processes at CFS 44. At this [link](#) you will find the CSM Opening Statement on Famines and Food Crises. At this [link](#) you will find the other CSM statements to the agenda items of CFS 44 during the week. We invite you to keep looking at the web page in the next days to also listen and watch the videos of the interventions that we are currently editing and uploading on the same page!

[CSM Side Events](#) at CFS 44 offered once again the possibility to civil society organizations, social movements and Indigenous Peoples to feed the CFS with additional spaces to further discuss, reflect and exchange perspectives on specific topics that are highly relevant for the CSM Working Groups and Constituencies' agendas.

This year's CSM Side events were focused on: Women and conflict, Landless, Nutrition, CFS vision and Megamergers. Stay tuned, as we are currently uploading as well the summary reports of the discussions! At this [link](#) you can have a look at the photo gallery of the events!



New CFS Chair and Bureau Members

Please find here the new composition of the [CFS](#) Bureau for the biennium 2017-2019:

CFS Chair:

Ambassador Mario Arvelo, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic

Bureau Members:

Asia: Indonesia and China

Europe: Italy (for EU countries), Switzerland (for non-EU countries)

Latin America: Brazil and Costa Rica

Near East: Egypt and Sudan

Africa: Ethiopia and South Africa

Pacific and North America: US and New Zealand

In the upcoming CSM Update we will also inform you on the new composition of the CFS Advisory Group, after receiving the minutes of the first Bureau meeting on Monday 30 of October.

HLPE online consultation on the scope of the Agroecology Report

The [HLPE Electronic consultation](#) on the scope of the Report due by 2019: *Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition* is now open! The CSM is currently establishing its Working Group on Agroecology (please see the open call in the section of this Update “Other CSM Processes”) that will be in charge of consolidating the different inputs from the CSM participating organizations that are willing to contribute to this consultation. Please send your contributions to the CSM Secretariat: cso4cfs@gmail.com by the 8th of November.



Updates from the CFS Forum on Women’s Empowerment in September

On September 25th the [CFS Forum on Women’s Empowerment](#) took place and very important achievements were obtained by the CSM Working Group on women that attended the Forum. Find at this [link](#) the CFS Chair Summary of the Forum!

At this [link](#) you will also find the speech of Helen Hakena, Key note speaker at CFS 44 for the session related to the outcomes of the CFS Forum on Women’s Empowerment and the intervention of Azra Sayeed on behalf of the CSM Working Group on Women.

Upcoming meetings at CFS in November

A last round of CFS intersessional meetings are foreseen before the end of this year.

On November 21st the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau will hold their first meeting after the CFS Plenary Session of October. On the 22nd of November the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau will also have a meeting with the Steering Committee of the HLPE.

On November 23rd and 27th the first two meetings on the CFS Evaluation Action Plan will take place. Details and summary on these meetings will be circulated in the next CSM Updates!

2. OTHER CSM ACTIVITIES

New CC members appointed for the period 2017-2019

On the 5th and 6th of October the new CSM Coordination Committee took official charge of their role and gathered for their first meeting. They were also presented during the CSM Forum while saluting the outgoing CC members of the past period for their engagement and commitment. Please find at this [link](#) under the chapter Coordination Committee the new composition of the CSM CC with related email addresses for the upcoming period of October 2017 – October 2019. We encourage you to get in touch with those who facilitate the CSM work for your sub-region or global constituency.



Youth Constituency meeting

As agreed during the CC meeting of October the CSM Youth constituency will hold its meeting at the beginning of December 2017, to identify and agreed on the vision of the constituency and to finalize its renewal process that will lead to the identification of the new CC members of this Constituency.

Open call for the CSM WG on global Food Governance

The CSM is sending an open call for the new Working Group on Global Food Governance. The CSM Coordination Committee agreed to establish this group with the following Terms of Reference:

The role of the CSM Food Governance Working Group will be to support the Coordination Committee, the Advisory Group as well as the CSM transversally across other WGs on issues related to the role of the CFS in the overall food governance architecture. In this context, the WG will take a proactive approach on the following critical issues:

- The role of the CFS in the food and nutrition governance and its relations with other intergovernmental normative spaces and institutions as well as with other international fora, platforms and initiatives;
- The role of the CFS and its relations with other levels of food and nutrition governance, notably the regional and national levels, and related institutions and processes;
- The human rights foundations of the CFS, with special but not exclusive reference to the human right to adequate food and nutrition in the context of the indivisibility of all human rights;
- The challenges of conflicts of interest within the CFS and the exploration of possible ways to tackle them.



The WG will also support the Coordination Committee and the Advisory Group in tackling selected items of the CFS evaluation follow-up process that relate to the above items.

In addition, the WG will also follow the CFS workstream related to the HLPE Report on “Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda” and facilitate the CSM contribution to the process that would emanate from it. Should it be required, a subgroup might be established to deal with this workstream.

To subscribe to the new Working Group please send your name, organization, country, email and skype ID to the CSM Secretariat: cso4cfs@gmail.com

Open call for the CSM WG on Agroecology

As mentioned above the CSM has sent an open call for the new Working Group on Agroecology that will follow the CFS process on this topic expected to take place between now and end of 2019. To subscribe to the Working Group please send your name, organization, country, email and skype ID to the CSM Secretariat: cso4cfs@gmail.com

New Website page “People’s Voices”

The CSM has a new page called [People’s Voices](#) with detailed interviews to its Coordination Committee members and technical facilitators. This page has been possible thanks to the strong commitment and work of Radio Mundo Real of Friends of the Earth International!



CSM Working Groups

Please find below a list of the ongoing CSM Working Groups. If you are willing to join them please send us your name, organization, country, email and skype ID and name of the Working Group to the CSM Secretariat: cso4cfs@gmail.com

- [Urbanisation and rural transformation](#)
- Global Food Governance (*a webpage will be created soon*)
- [Global Strategic Framework](#)
- [MYPoW](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Monitoring](#)
- Agroecology (*a webpage will be created soon*)
- [Women](#)

CSM New Tool Kit

The CSM has finalized a [new Tool kit](#) that can be used within your organizations and networks to better understand what is the CSM and the CFS! Please download it here and share it widely within your constituencies and sub-regions!

