

MYPoW

The Preliminary Proposals concerning potential future CFS thematic workstreams, associated with outputs 1.1 (inclusive discussions) and 2.1 (global policy guidance), have been submitted by CFS stakeholders. Interested stakeholders were given two months (from early November to early January) to prepare their proposals.

The CFS Secretariat has circulated all the proposals received as a background document for the First Open Meeting on 25 January where they will be presented by the proponents and discussed with all interested stakeholders.

As established in the [agreed guidance note](#) concerning the MYPoW preparatory process, the prioritization phase will focus on thematic workstreams that range from inclusive discussions on FSN developments, trends and emerging and critical issues to global policy processes leading to negotiated policy products.

As per the [workplan](#) discussed last November, CFS stakeholders have until mid-February to provide inputs, comments and suggestions on the preliminary proposals. These will inform the Bureau that is expected to finalize on 6 March, in consultation with the Advisory Group, a list of prioritized thematic workstreams to be presented for discussion at the Second Open Meeting on 23 April.

Once thematic workstreams are prioritized based on the agreed criteria, the Bureau will work, in consultation with the Advisory Group, on a draft proposal for the next MYPoW, which includes both thematic workstreams and supportive activities.

Supportive activities are carried out to ensure the functioning of the Committee, such as those that are associated with outputs 3.1 (conclusions of follow-up and review sessions) and 3.2 (communication and outreach) and the one dedicated to the preparation of the programme of work.

Bureau and Advisory Group meetings in May and June will be dedicated to the finalization of the MYPoW. The objective is to come up with a feasible and realistic programme of work, taking into account resources, workload and the resource mobilization potential.

Food Systems and Nutrition

Following the endorsement of the [Terms of Reference](#) at CFS 46 last October, and in line with the [workplan](#) discussed in November by the Bureau and Advisory Group, the Secretariat is working, in collaboration with the Technical Task Team, on the preparation of the Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines.

A working version of the document will be circulated by mid-February with a view to being discussed at the Open-Ended Working Group meeting scheduled on 8 March (14.00 to 17.00, Green Room, FAO).

CFS stakeholders will also be given the opportunity to provide written inputs, suggestions and comments by mid-March in order to feed into the preparation of the Zero Draft which will be finalized by the end of April.

Five regional multistakeholder consultations will take place between July and October 2019 in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Near East, to get inputs on how to best align the Voluntary Guidelines with regional and national priorities and needs. They will

gather participants from governments, UN bodies, civil society and private sector organizations, agricultural research and international financial institutions, to ensure the multistakeholder nature of the discussions and their outcomes.

The discussions will focus on the different sections of the Zero Draft with a view to informing the preparation of the Draft One of the Voluntary Guidelines that is expected to be finalized by the end of 2019.

The costs of the regional multistakeholder consultations will be covered through funds made available by the Federal Republic of Germany.

The CFS Secretariat is in contact with FAO decentralized offices in order to define the level of logistical support needed for the organization of the consultations. The regional offices of the RBAs will also be involved in the preparation of the agendas and programmes of the consultations.

An agenda item at CFS 46 will be dedicated to the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines to give an opportunity for CFS stakeholders to get an update on the status of the process and discuss its next steps.

All relevant information and background documents concerning this CFS policy process are available in the [Nutrition-dedicated section of the CFS Working Space](#)

The informal document capturing the main points raised during the Open Meeting on Food Systems and Nutrition on 30 January, will be finalized and circulated by the OEWG Chair, Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland), by mid-February.

CFS and Agenda 2030

The first open meeting for this workstream will be held on 4 March (16:00-17:00, German Room, FAO). The main objective of the meeting is the finalization of the 2019 CFS contribution to the HLPF.

A Facilitator for this process is yet to be identified and nominated by the Bureau.

Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition

Over the next 15 years, it is estimated that about 1.6 billion people will reach working age in low and middle-income countries.

- How can food systems and enhanced rural-urban linkages provide more and better jobs for women and youth?
- What are the key driving factors and enabling conditions for food systems and enhanced rural-urban linkages to create employment and decent work?
- What is the role of small cities and rural towns in promoting women and youth employment in the food systems?
- And what is their role in linking producers to diverse and more equitable markets?

These are some of the key questions that, through an interactive format, will be discussed during this second intersessional event on “Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum” which will be held on 4 February 2019 (09:30 - 17:00, Green Room, FAO). More details are on the [web page](#).

Monitoring

CFS Plenary event at CFS 46 in October 2019 on the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations

The first meeting of the Technical Task Team to prepare for the CFS 46 monitoring event was held on 17 December 2018 to develop the call for inputs to CFS stakeholders. The objective of the event is to take stock of the use and application of three sets of CFS policy recommendations:

- Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security (endorsed in 2013);
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets (endorsed in 2016);
- Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock (endorsed in 2016).

The call is planned to be issued in the second half of January 2019 through the Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum. The call will close on 22 April 2019.

Global Thematic Event at CFS 47 in October 2020 on the use and application of the Framework For Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis

The objective of the 2020 Global Thematic Event is to take stock of the use and application of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis (FFA) endorsed in 2015.

The first meeting of the Technical Task Team to prepare for the CFS 47 Global Thematic Event is planned to be held on 24 January 2019 to develop two calls for inputs from CFS stakeholders:

- Call to report the results of multistakeholder consultations organized at national, regional and global levels to discuss their experiences in using the FFA. The call is planned to be issued in the second half of February 2019 for 12 months;
- Call to report “individual” experiences (documented by one group of stakeholders). The call is planned to be issued mid-October 2019 for 4 months (until mid-February 2020) through the Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum.

Budget Update

Contribution agreements have been signed with Switzerland (350,000 USD), the European Commission (915,000 USD) and Germany (520,000 USD).

HLPE

Report #13 on Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda

The translation of this HLPE Report #13 was completed with financial contributions from the project "Support to National and Sub-regional Strategies for Food and Nutrition Security and Overcoming Poverty in countries of Latin American and the Caribbean" of the Brazil-FAO program channeled through FAORLC.

The translated version of the report should be published online on the HLPE website on 14 January 2019. Hard copies of the report in all the UN languages are available on request in the HLPE Secretariat.

As requested by Plenary at CFS 45, the Bureau will define a follow-up process focusing on knowledge and lesson-sharing on effective multistakeholder partnerships. The Bureau nominated Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany) as facilitator. The options will be identified based on the written inputs received from stakeholders (deadline was 4 January 2019) and the bilateral meetings with the

facilitator in December 2018-January 2019. All inputs received have been posted on the CFS Working Space.

Report #14 on Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition

The open e-consultation on the V0 draft of this HLPE Report #14 (4 October 2018 – 19 November 2018) attracted 141 unique contributions, from 37 different countries, totaling 561 pages and almost 240,000 words, far more than for any previous e-consultation. This demonstrates the high level of interest in this topic among CFS stakeholders. The full proceedings of this consultation, as well as the Synthesis realized by the HLPE Secretariat (19 December 2018) are available online on the HLPE website: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/reports/report-14-elaboration-process/en/>

Based on the results of this open consultation, and on the guidance given by the HLPE Steering Committee, the Project team is currently preparing a V1 draft that will be submitted to external, scientific peer-review by the end of January. A V2 draft will then be produced and submitted to the validation of the Steering Committee during their next meeting scheduled mid-April 2019.

The public launch of this report in FAO HQ Rome is currently planned for end of June 2019 (date to be confirmed).

The Bureau is requested, after consultation with the Advisory Group, to decide on the timeframe for the policy convergence process at 31 January 2019 meeting (see BurAG/2019/01/28/04).

Report #15 on Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030

Based on the CFS request endorsed during last Plenary, the HLPE organized an open consultation on the scope of this report, to gather comments and feedbacks on: (i) the objectives and content of this stocktaking analysis; (ii) experience of situations where CFS policy recommendations and/or HLPE reports were used at different scales by different stakeholders; (iii) most recent relevant references to be considered in this study.

As requested by a number of CFS stakeholders, this consultation has been extended until the 21st January. The full proceedings of this consultation are available online (http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/discussions/global_FSN_narrative). An HLPE Secretariat Synthesis of this consultation will be published online as soon as possible.

HLPE Steering Committee Renewal

The nomination process of the future 5th HLPE StC was initiated after last CFS Plenary, by an open call for nomination of experts. CFS stakeholders are invited to nominate their candidates no later than 31 January 2019 following the indications given on the HLPE website (<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/hlpe-stc-renewal/en/>) The HLPE Secretariat stands ready to reply to any of your questions on this process.

As per [CFS Rules of Procedure \(Rule V paragraph 4\)](#) an Ad-Hoc Technical Selection Panel made up of representatives from FAO, IFAD, WFP, Bioversity International (CGIAR) and a representative of civil society organizations, will make a proposal for the composition of the HLPE Steering Committee to the CFS Bureau for discussion and decision during its meeting of 17 May 2019.

Outreach activities

Between November and December 2019 the Chair participated in the following events:

- IDLO Partnership Forum to speak about the Role of Rule of Law for Food Security and Nutrition
- The CFS Chair, the OEWG Nutrition Chair, Miss Lilian Ortega, and the Secretariat participated in the [IPFRI-FAO conference](#) on Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition in Bangkok from 28-30 November. The Chair and the OEWG Chair participated in several podium discussions and side events highlighting the CFS work on SDG2 and the ongoing work on the Voluntary Guidelines on Nutrition.
- An event at Chatham House to speak of the nexus between trade and food security.
- In December he also participated in the FAO Council to present the report of CFS 46 and the major follow up actions.

The Secretariat also participated in a UNICEF event called Food Systems for Children and Adolescents held in Florence, Italy from 5 – 7 November to further expand consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.