

CFS 46 Registration and Side Events

Registration for CFS 46 is now open. Member countries should register their delegations on the [Perm Reps Gateway](#). Participants and Observers should register their delegations through the [FAO Event Services Portal](#). The deadline for registration is **20 September 2019**.

Regarding CFS Side Events, 48 responses to the “Expression of Interest” survey were received and posted on the [CFS website](#). Following their posting, the Secretariat received requests from many stakeholders interested in getting in touch with each other to explore collaboration opportunities.

The call for CFS46 Side Events closed on 26 June with a total of 106 requests received – a new CFS record. Proposals with similar topics may be requested to merge in order to accommodate as many as possible. Side Event organizers will be informed on the result of their requests by 30 July.

Food Systems and Nutrition

The Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines was finalized and circulated in early May, and made available in all languages, along with other background documents and relevant information, on the [CFS Working Space](#).

CFS stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide preliminary comments on the Zero Draft at the OEWG meeting held on 30 May and to submit written inputs. The outcomes of the OEWG meeting and the written inputs received by the CFS Secretariat by the end of June were posted on the [CFS Working Space](#).

The Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines will be discussed during six regional consultations taking place between July and October 2019. The agenda and guiding questions for the regional consultations are available in the section of the [Working Space dedicated to the regional consultations](#).

An e-consultation is taking place between 1 July and 2 September to get additional inputs to feed into the preparation of Draft One of the Voluntary Guidelines to be finalized by the end of 2019. The e-consultation is hosted by the [Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition \(FSN Forum\)](#).

Monitoring

CFS 46 Plenary event on the use of three sets of CFS policy recommendations on smallholders

A second Technical Task Team meeting was held on 13 June to discuss a report prepared by the CFS Secretariat summarizing stakeholders’ experiences with the use of three sets of specific policy recommendations, along with the outline of the CFS 46 plenary session. The report is being finalized and will be a session document. Information on the session rollout is located in the CFS 46 Guide.

The call for inputs to share experiences in the use and application of the three sets of CFS policy recommendations on smallholders closed at the end of April 2019 with a total of 49 contributions. Forty-one contributions provided the requested information in the template provided, of which 22 were from civil society/NGOs, 8 from academia, 7 from UN organizations, 2 from governments, 1

from private sector and 1 jointly submitted by civil society and private sector, covering national, regional and global levels.

Follow up to HLPE Report #13 Multistakeholder Partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda

As decided by the Bureau in March 2019, a Plenary session on multistakeholder partnerships (MSPs) will be held during CFS 46, focusing on knowledge and lesson-sharing from effective MSPs and related experience and analysis. More information is in the Guide to CFS 46.

HLPE

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

The [Summary and Recommendations](#), extracted from the report, were circulated on 19 June, with the translations made available on 2 July 2019 in time for the launch event on 3 July. The complete report will be available in all six UN language at least six weeks before CFS 46.

On 12 June, the HLPE’s Trust Fund Oversight Committee held its annual meeting at FAO HQ.

Outreach activities

The CFS Secretary, Chris Hegadorn, attended the Stockholm Food Forum from June 10 – 12, where he was included as one of 18 participants at a Government of Sweden-organized “High-level Policy Roundtable” hosted by the Swedish Minister of Development and which focused on key levers for food systems transformation. In a variety of other meetings and events, the Secretary shared CFS policy recommendation documents, and made connections with organizations relevant to the CFS mandate.

On 6 June 2019, the CFS Chair took part remotely in the **ECOSOC Management Meeting** to present the report of the 45th Session of CFS, highlighting its main decisions and recommendations. The presentation was followed by a report of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN), for an integrated and cohesive discussion on food security, nutrition, food systems and healthy diets.

From 17 to 19 June, the CFS Chair participated in the **Nourish 2019** event, in Chicago (USA). The event, organized by the Global Dairy Platform, was a gathering of CEOs from international food companies and key opinion leaders to discuss the health of the planet, how the food system will need to transform, and ultimately what role the food sector must play in order to contribute to the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 24 June 2019, CFS Chair addressed the **41st Conference of FAO** to report on the accomplishments of the 44th and 45th Sessions of CFS.

On 25 June, CFS Chair and Secretary met with a group of members of the private sector mechanism, gathered for their **Annual General Assembly**, for an exchange on CFS activities.

On 3 July, CFS Chair chaired the launch meeting of the 14th HLPE report on **Agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition**.