



CSM Update

July and August 2019

**Registration to the CSM Forum
and CFS 46th Plenary Session
is now open!**

**Deadline for registration is 20
September 2019.**

Updates on CFS processes

- Update on the joint meeting of CFS Advisory Group and Bureau of 22 July. This includes:
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CSM FORUM and CFS 46th Plenary Session

The CSM Forum will take place on 12 and 13 of October 2018 in the Green Room, at FAO HQs in Rome. In order to enter FAO premises and attend the CSM Forum you will need, as in previous years, to make a two steps registration process. Both steps are mandatory, even if you are considering only attending the CSM Forum. Please follow the steps described below and register yourself before 20 September 2019:

STEP 1

At [this link](#) you will find a Google Form to register to the CSM Forum. By filling the form, you will help us ensuring that our Forum's organization runs smoothly and effectively. So, thanks in advance from the CSM Secretariat's side for supporting this effort!

Register to the [Google Form](#). After having done this first step you will receive a confirmation email from our side that your registration was completed successfully. All information collected will only be used for registration purposes and anonymous data collection.

Please proceed to [register to CFS 46th Plenary Session](#) (Second step). **You will need to register to the Plenary Session also if you are only planning to attend the CSM Forum as this is a mandatory requirement to issue your building pass to attend the CSM Forum in FAO headquarters.**

STEP 2

To register to the CFS 46th Plenary Session (14-18 of October) please [link here](#) and follow all the instructions. You will receive an email from CFS approving your application during the month of September.

More information on the CSM Forum, such as the Agenda and the logistic details will be available from September 2019 at [this link](#)! CFS 46 draft timetable is available [here](#) and background documents will be available from September [here](#)!

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Update on the joint meeting of CFS Advisory Group and Bureau of 22 July 2019

Updates on MYPoW

The CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting took place on July 22nd. The first part of the meeting was held in an open-ended format to allow an inclusive debate on the second draft of the MYPoW. The main debate focused on the timeline and sequence of the new four emerging topics identified for the period 2020-2023: a) Women's empowerment and gender equality; b) Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems; c) Reducing inequalities for food systems and nutrition and d) Data collection and analysis.



Please find [here](#) the CSM Contributions to the morning session of the meeting. The Youth workstream proposal (for 2021-2022) has significantly improved, especially due to the great work and commitment of the CSM Youth Working Group and their spokespersons in the CFS meeting. The future workstream on gender equality and women's empowerment (2020-2022) has been effectively defended so far against the attempts of the Russian Federation to question the pertinence of this workstream to the CFS mandate. However, the broadly supported proposal on inequalities which the CSM had jointly submitted with Hungary, Indonesia, South Africa and IFAD got unexpected competition of a proposal on data collection and analysis, jointly promoted by the US, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank. We are still waiting for the official minutes of the most recent Bureau meeting on 25 July, but it seems that the compromise found was that intersessional events shall be organized to define better the framing and sequence of these two workstreams for 2022 and 2023. The draft MYPoW 2020-2023 will be submitted to the CFS Plenary for approval and will be available at the beginning of September within the CFS background documents to the CFS Plenary Session.

Update on the processes on Food Systems and Nutrition, and Agroecology and other innovations

The upcoming MYPoW also includes for 2020 two policy workstreams that are coming from the current MYPoW 2018//2019: the processes on Food Systems and Nutrition and on Agroecology and other innovations.

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On food systems and nutrition, the scheduled regional consultations have taken place in July on Africa in Addis Ababa and Asia/Pacific in Bangkok, and the next ones are scheduled for Europe in Budapest and the MENA region in September in Cairo. All detailed information on this process is regularly circulated through the CSM WG on Food Systems and Nutrition, stay tuned with the Group! Moreover the CFS online consultation will contribute to the preparation of the First Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines, which will be negotiated in spring 2020. If you are interested in contributing to the online consultation kindly write to cso4cfs@gmail.com to join the CSM Working Group on Food Systems and Nutrition. Deadline of the consultation is the 2nd of September!

On agroecology and other innovations, there are still some controversies on the possible process, as no timeline and process proposal for the policy convergence after the CFS Plenary could be discussed and agreed so far by the CFS Bureau. In fact, the policy process to follow the HLPE report on agroecology and other innovations is on hold due to the



explicit objection of the US delegation against the appointment of the Iranian Ambassador as the Rapporteur of this process. In May, the US objected the discussion of the process and the appointment of the rapporteur with the explanation that they first wanted to see the HLPE report. In late July, they explicitly justified their objections with geopolitical considerations which is highly unusual in the Rome context and unprecedented in the CFS. The CFS Bureau will have to re-discuss this topic

and the related planning for the policy convergence process after consultation with the Advisory Group on 20 September 2019. Please find at this [link](#) CSM contributions on this topic delivered during the meeting of the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau of 22 July.

Concerning the HLPE Report “Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition”, please be informed that the full English version of the report is available online [here](#) and the translations shall be available from the second week of September. Keep tuned within the CSM WG to stay informed on next steps!

Update on CFS 46 Plenary Session

Please find at this [link](#) the current draft timetable of the CFS 46 Plenary Session. [Here](#) you will find the current CFS 46 draft overview with the outline of the different sessions and [here](#) the CSM Contributions on the topic. So far, no detailed information is available on the arrangements foreseen for the World Food Day on 16 October 2019.

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Update on the event on Sustainable Forestry

The CFS Meeting on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition, focusing on the relation between commercial tree plantations and food security and nutrition will finally take place on 17 September 2019 and the concept note and outline was approved by the CFS Bureau. Also, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Hilal Elver, has confirmed her participation to the event. The CSM WG on Forestry is currently following up the preparations of CSM participation in the event.

Update on CFS Advisory Group renewal

The CFS Bureau of 25th July 2019 had an agenda item related to the CFS Advisory Group renewal and composition. The CSM Advisory Group made some remarks on this agenda item within the Advisory Group and Bureau. We are waiting for the CFS Bureau outcomes to be shared, but so far it seems that the discussion was not concluded and will again be discussed in September.



CSM Side Events Approved!

This year, the CFS Chair only approved 4 out of 5 CSM side events proposals. The following CSM side events were approved: a) Re-thinking and Re-shaping Food Systems through Agroecology; b) The future of food and the visions of the youth; c) The impact of extractivism on women's right to food and the struggle for a just transition; d) Fighting hunger between rights and inequalities: Too many left behind! Timetable of the side events will be available only in September. Unfortunately, the side event on Monitoring the use and application of the Framework for Action in Protracted Crises that intended to make a significant step towards the upcoming CFS Monitoring Global Thematic Event on FFA in 2020 was not approved. The Coordination of the CSM Working Groups on Protracted Crises and Monitoring are working on possible alternatives.



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CSM Urgent call for financial Support!

Unfortunately, the financial situation of the CSM became very complicated recently when the CSM Secretariat was informed about an unexpected disapproval of an envisaged IFAD contribution for the biennium 2019-2020, with 115-120.000 Euro foreseen for the 2019. The reason given by IFAD is not directly linked to the CSM, rather refers to a more general decision of the IFAD president to re-direct the resources from their global grants program to the debt relief program for highly indebted countries.



In response to this unexpected disapproval, CSM has put in place some emergency measures such as savings, cuts of activities, reduction of funded participants to meetings for the next months, reallocations of resources, to reduce the funding gap and ensure a basic participation of civil society constituencies and indigenous peoples to CFS activities in the coming months. However, even with these emergency measures in place, the CSM will still miss at least 60.000€ to essentially ensure the participation of its Coordination

Committee to the CFS 46th Plenary session, the preceding CSM Forum and the Coordination Committee to take place in the period from 9 to 18 October 2019.

For this reason, CSM is requesting support from its participating organizations to provide resources, even small contributions if available, to ensure CSO participation into CSM/CFS October events. In case, you could provide support this could be done in two forms:

- contributing with a specific amount as general support for the CSM to implement the above-mentioned activities, or:
- sponsoring directly the participation of one or two CSO representatives to the CSM/CFS October activities

We need to fill the funding gaps as quickly as possible, so we would appreciate if you could consider a support and to let us know soon if such a contribution is possible. In case you need further information / clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following emails: cs04cfs@gmail.com and luca.bianchi@csm4cfs.org.