



CFS HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON STRENGTHENING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

October 13-15, 2020 (Virtual)

DAY ONE

Core Theme/Title: Overview of the Global Food Security and Nutrition Situation

“Exploring implications and recommendations of the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS HLPE Report on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030”

Both the SOFI 2020 Report and the CFS HLPE’s Report#15 on Building a Global Narrative towards 2030 recognize the need to transform food systems to achieve the SDGs. According to the most recent estimates from SOFI 2020 almost 690 million people were hungry in 2019. An additional 130 million people could become hungry in the near future as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for “bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path.” In summary, “with 10 years to go until 2030, the world is off-track to achieve the SDGs targets for hunger and malnutrition” (SOFI 2020) and it is critical that we better understand how to reverse trends towards achieving SDG2.

Objectives: a) review the current global situation of food insecurity and malnutrition; b) discuss assumptions, data, costs, and pathways for accelerating action to achieve sustainable food systems during the 2020-2030 *Decade of Action*; and c) consider how current players in the global food and nutrition governance architecture could most effectively work with CFS to deliver on SDG2.

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Part I: Welcome (30 min)

- Curtain raiser – Welcome by CFS Chair/Moderator with Opening Video (5 min)
- Keynote Address – TBD (10 min) Focus on the role of global governance as a public good and the broader concept of global citizenship
- Framing remarks (5 min each): Focus on RBAs’ collaborative commitment to CFS
 - FAO Director General (TBC)
 - WFP Executive Director (TBC)
 - IFAD President (TBC)

Part 2: Setting the Scene: Evidence and Science (30 min)

- State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020 (SOFI 2020) presentation by FAO Chief Economist (10 min)
- Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030. CFS HLPE Steering Committee Team Leader (10 min)
- Cost of achieving SDG-2 targets by 2030. Presentation of Ceres2030 project (10 min)

Part 3: Moderated Open Discussion – (40 min)

Invite audience to post questions and comments

Part 4: Country-led Action: Ministerial Roundtable (75 mins)

- Ministers to discuss issues from a country perspective, focusing on the cost and affordability of healthy and nutritious foods, and policy trade-offs in achieving country development strategies.
- Speaker from a regional governmental association, i.e. ASEAN to address regional initiatives
- Representative (youth) from CSM
- Representative (youth) from PSM
- WFP country director to give a UN country team perspective
- IFAD country director to give a UN country team perspective
- Senior CGIAR speaker to highlight data and research gaps

Part 5: Wrap-up, closing remarks by moderator or CFS Chair (5 min)

DAY TWO

Core Theme/Title: *COVID-19 and its impacts on global food security and nutrition – what stakeholders can do to respond, rebuild, and strengthen resilience ahead of future zoonotic crises.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the world to tackle an unprecedented health crisis, highlighting the nexus between public health, food security and employment, and labor dimensions. The COVID-19 pandemic is clearly threatening the functioning of some key food supply chains, which is a complex interaction involving farmers, agricultural inputs, processing plants, shipping, retailers, consumers and more, highlighting the risks, fragilities and inequalities characterizing food systems. This has shown the urgent need to rebuild resilient food systems that integrate sustainability in all three of its dimensions.

Objectives: a) Assess the main challenges caused by COVID-19; b) share countries/regional experiences from the perspectives of government, private sector and civil society; c) Identify good practices to respond, rebuild and strengthen resilience.

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Part I: Setting the Scene (15 mins)

- **WHO Director General (TBC) keynote address** on the COVID-19 crisis, and the main challenges to global food security and nutrition caused by the pandemic and country responses to it.

Part 2: HLPE Steering Committee Chairperson (TBC) to highlight data/research gaps (15 min)

Part 3: Interactive discussion with audience to discuss HLPE Issue Paper (30 min)

Part 4: Panel discussion: Coping Strategies, what has worked, what hasn't? What can we do to prevent future pandemics and be better prepared? (70 mins)

- Minister (developing country) to address challenges faced and crisis response by member states
- Minister (developed country) to address challenges faced and crisis response by member states
- Regional political organization senior representative to address organizational responses, particularly in a region dealing with multiple protracted crises (i.e. Near East, GRULAC)
- Representative from PSM or private sector
- Representative from CSM or civil society
- Senior ILRI speaker to highlight what we should do to be better prepared in future pandemics based on the recently launched UNEP-ILRI zoonoses report "Preventing the next pandemic: Zoonotic diseases and how to break the chain of transmission."

Part 5: Audience Interactive Question & Answer Session (45 mins)

Moderated by David Nabarro (TBC), with possible Q's/input from ILO, World Bank, others

Part 6: Wrap-up, closing remarks by moderator or CFS Chair (5 mins)

DAY THREE

Core Theme/Title: *The upcoming CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, the CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches, and their relevance to the objectives of the UN Food Systems Summit.*

We are all involved, directly or indirectly, in food systems. They embrace innumerable activities such as production, processing, distribution, preparation and consumption of food. At the basis of all these aspects is sustainability, in all three of its dimensions. In line with the statement provided by the Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, who affirms "*We believe in a world where healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems allow people and planet to thrive,*" the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and the CFS policy recommendation on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches aim to provide guidance to strengthen policies and actions towards the transformation of food systems that are resilient, equitable, diversified, support climate change adaptation and mitigation, provide affordable, accessible, balanced and safe healthy diets and respect human rights.

Objectives: a) Raise awareness of the two ongoing CFS policy processes, while also addressing their synergies in light of their providing guidance on the transformations required for sustainable food systems; b) promote early commitments on "uptake" of CFS products; c) examine potential contribution of the CFS policy tools to the preparation of the Food Systems Summit.

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Part 1: Setting the scene

- **Keynote address UN Deputy SecGen Amina Mohammed (TBC) (10 mins)**

Overview on the importance of adopting an approach that requires a rethinking of the governance of the food systems, an increase in strategic capacity for policymaking and implementation, and more collaborative actions to achieve transformation of food systems.

Part 2: Statements from CFS “Champions” on CFS products and food systems (20 mins)

- Minister of Germany. (TBC)
- Minister of Food and Water Security, UAE. (TBC)
- UNEP Executive Director, Inger Anderson. (TBC)
- World Bank representative (TBC)

Part 3: Panel discussion/debate: synergies between the two ongoing CFS policy processes, uptake, and their contribution to the transformation towards sustainable food systems (50 mins)

- Presentation by a Member State (TBD) on the relevance of the VGFSyN and the CFS policy recommendation at country/local level.
- PSM: Role and responsibilities of the private sector in the promotion of sustainable food systems and healthy diets, and the importance of creating enabling business environments for the private sector to enhance the ability of governments to achieve food security and nutrition for all. How to promote implementation of the VGFSyN and CFS policy recs?
- CSM: How women’s struggles and experiences with sustainable agriculture and agroecological approaches will contribute to the profound transformation of food systems (*Speaker from Women’s smallholder food producer constituency from the Global South*);
- Presentation by expert on concrete examples of implementation of previous CFS policy products (VGGT, RAI), of how CFS policy guidance was transformed into actions at country/regional levels.
- Anders Nordström (TBC), Swedish Ambassador for Global Health at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm to define the role of governments to advocate for and to promote the implementation of these policy products, and define the need for cross-sectoral collaboration to address policy fragmentation in order to ensure and achieve the transformation toward more sustainable food systems.

Part 4: Audience interactive Q&A session (30 mins)

Part 5: CFS and the 2021 Food Systems Summit (15 mins)

- Agnes Kalibata, Contribution of the CFS VGFSyN and CFS policy recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative approaches to the preparation of the UN Food Systems Summit:
- Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food to present consistency of the two CFS policy tools with human rights principles, and their people-oriented and solution-driven approach, in view of the Food Systems Summit;

Part 6: Audience *Question and Answer* (45 mins)

Closing Remarks, CFS Chairperson (10 mins)

Other Issues to brief:

- Timing – 1:00-4:00 p.m. for plenary, 90-minute parallel side events
- Technical issues / Platform, webcast, etc
- Side Events, Structure/Process/Applications
- Interpretation, plenary and side events
- Documents / Translations
- Overall Outcomes, Chair's Summary
- Sessions briefs
- Guiding Questions for sessions and speakers briefs
- Moderators
- Video/s
- Presentations