



NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON FOOD SYSTEMS FOR NUTRITION – VGFSyN

MODALITIES FOR NEGOTIATIONS

The proposed modalities for debate are as follows:

- a) In the interests of time and efficiency, the OEWG Chair may place limits on the time available for interventions, and or indicate the number of interventions that will be heard before sharing a Chair's response or proposal;
- b) CFS stakeholders are asked to refrain from making lengthy opening or general statements. Inputs should be focused on substantive topics or issues where amendments are requested. Interventions should contain concrete text proposals, and concise clarifications of their rationale/meaning;
- c) Regional Groups and Participant constituencies are strongly invited to form collective positions, where possible;
- d) By the end of this first week of negotiations, 7-11 September, we should have finalized a first formal review of the entire text of the VGFSyN, including text on COVID-19/pandemics;
- e) The formal Draft for Negotiations will represent the basis for discussions. The matrix previously circulated by the CFS Secretariat will serve as an informal reference document. For each paragraph, CFS stakeholders will be asked to provide/confirm text proposals, beyond those submitted and incorporated in the matrix previously circulated by the CFS Secretariat;
- f) Based on interventions, a revised version of each paragraph, incorporating all text proposals received, will be projected on the screen;
- g) In case specific controversial points are identified during the first formal review of the VGFSyN, the Chair may request bilateral or small-group discussions, and if/when appropriate may call for a Friends of the Chair discussion to discuss outstanding issues.
- h) There will be two sessions each day (9.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00) and, if needed, the OEWG Chair may decide to continue the session into the evening. The sessions will be interpreted in the six official FAO languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian); the working text version presented on the screen will be in English.

- i) All delegations are encouraged to be ready to reach consensus on the policy documents to be presented in plenary for final endorsement.

Details regarding virtual negotiations

- a) Zoom calls will be set for each session for all registered participants who will be given a password to access the sessions;
- b) Observers will be allowed to access the virtual sessions, pending registration, in line with paragraph 13 of the CFS Reform Document;
- c) Different channels will be made available for interpretation services;
- d) All participants in the virtual meeting will be visible to one another and will be able to turn their video and audio on and off. All participants are encouraged to remain in mute mode until given the floor to speak, and to keep their video on to ensure transparency and inclusiveness;
- e) All participants are requested to enter their name and indicate the name of the Member Nation or the Participant constituency;
- f) The text of the document under negotiation will be projected by the CFS Secretariat, through the “share the screen” option;
- g) Delegate of the same constituency are invited to coordinate to avoid that they intervene multiple times on the same matter;
- h) Each Regional Group and Participant constituency will have a dedicated Zoom meeting room at their disposal for the entire session.