

Background information for CC discussion on future priorities for CFS (February 2022)

The agenda setting process in the CFS: how the Multi-Year Plan of Work (MYPOW) is developed

The agenda setting process of the CFS was first developed for two-year periods but was then expanded to a four-year period after the CFS Evaluation of 2017. The current MYPOW has been developed and approved for the period 2020-2023. The next MYPOW will be developed for the period 2024-2027.

The first step of the MYPOW process is that the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) is being asked for a Note on Critical and Emerging Issues. For that purpose, the HLPE will launch soon an e-consultation, to get input from members and participants of the CFS, as well other actors from outside the CFS. The HLPE will then present its Note on Critical and Emerging Issues to the CFS Plenary in October 2022.

The CFS will discuss and negotiate the MYPOW 2024-2027 in the first Semester of 2023, for approval by the CFS Plenary 2023. A more detailed timeline will be presented by the CFS Secretariat before the next AG-Bureau meeting on 23 March.

A specific exception will be the discussion on the theme of the HLPE report in 2024, since there is a need to already agree on its topic by October 2022, as the HLPE needs approx. 18 months for the elaboration of a report.

CSM contributing to the next MYPOW 2024-2027

Considering the way how the CFS MYPOW is developed, the CSM has several moments to make suggestions and then to participate in the negotiations of the new CFS MYPOW 2024-2027:

- Contribute with priority proposals to the HLPE e-consultation on Critical and Emerging issues (February/March 2022)
- Contribute to the Discussion on MYPOW during the CFS Plenary in October 2022
- Participate to the negotiations on the MYPOW 2024-2027 during the first semester of 2023.

Topics addressed by the CFS in the last 10 years

The CFS has developed policy negotiations and outcomes on many highly relevant topics. An overview about all topics of previous years and the current MYPOW can be found [here](#). In summary, the CFS had dealt with, and will deal with the following topics, during the period 2012-2023:

Inequalities (2023-2024), Data (2022-2023), Youth (2021-2022), Gender (2020-2022), Agroecology (2019-2021), Food Systems and Nutrition (2019-2021), Forestry 2017, Connecting Smallholders to Markets (2016), Livestock (2016), Protracted Crises (2012-2015), Water (2015), Agricultural Investment (2012-2014), Fisheries (2014), Food Loss and Waste (2014), Biofuels (2013), Smallholder agriculture (2013), Land tenure (2010-2012), social protection (2012), climate change (2012).

Topics, CSM had proposed and supported in the past:

Many of the issues the CFS has dealt with, had been either proposed or supported by the CSM. In some cases, it took several years to get an issue on the CFS agenda, such as the topic of agroecology. Among the current topics, the CSM proposed or supported the topics inequalities, youth and gender.

Other CSM proposal in previous MYPOW discussion were not taken up by the CFS: situation of plantation workers; corporate concentration in food systems, trade policies and food security and nutrition.

Topics that could be proposed by the CSM for the upcoming HLPE consultation:

The CSM could continue bringing up issues that were proposed in the past, such as the situation of plantation workers, or more broadly food and agricultural workers; or the corporate market and power concentration in food systems; or trade policies.

The CSM could also bring up issues that have become more critical and pressing for our constituencies, and might need policy responses from the CFS, such as the Policy response to current Covid-19 and possibly future zoonotic pandemics; the further increasing problem of landlessness; or the growing climate catastrophe.

The CC meeting on 15 February should take a bit of time to brainstorm and discuss about the priority topics we would like to bring up collectively for the discussions on the MYPOW 2024-2027, and more specifically to the upcoming e-consultation of the HLPE on Critical and Emerging Issues.