

Coordination Committee Meeting | 22 January 2022

As per practice two meetings were held to ensure participation of CC members from all time zones.

Participants to the meeting

First meeting (Facilitation: Saima) | 8.30 am – 10.30 am Rome time

Attended by: *Olena, Fatima, Martin, Irish, Saima, Wilhelmina (Ditdit), Mariam, Georgie, Hala, Carson, Paula, Anders, Glorene, Nora (observer) and CSM Secretariat (Martin, Luca and Teresa)*

Second meeting (Facilitation: Dee) | 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm Rome time

Attended by: *Dee, Moayyad, Mani, Tyler, Patti, Andre, Betsy, Tai, Verdiana, Maria Isabel Carrillo, Taina, Cristina Brovia (observer) and CSM Secretariat (Martin, Luca, Betsy and Teresa)*

Main decisions of the CC meeting

- Next CC meeting will take place on the 15 of February 2021 with a substantial part of its agenda devoted to address the upcoming CSM policy priorities that we want to see reflected in the upcoming CFS policy agenda for the period 2023-2027 (also known in the CFS as Multi-Year Programme of Work | MYPoW). CC members and the Global Food Governance Working Group are also invited to send written inputs in advance to better inform the discussion. The CSM Secretariat was also requested to share with the CC a background document gathering some information about past processes.
- The CC welcomes the CSM Secretariat's proposal related to the selection process of a new Coordinator of the CSM Secretariat:
 - The CSM Secretariat will share, prior to the next meeting of the CC on 15 February, a process proposal for the selection of the new co-coordinator and a revised proposal for the Terms of Reference related to this position, based on the experience of the last 8 years.
 - The CC could select among their members a Selection Committee that could work on the process proposal for the selection, the revision of the Terms of Reference and propose a timeline for the entire process. The overall proposal of this selection committee will be then shared and approved by the entire CC.
 - Once this step is completed a vacancy announcement would be publicly shared.
 - The new co-coordinator of the CSM Secretariat would be expected to start working on 1 September and a handover process with the current coordinator would last for two months.
- The CC welcomes the Landless constituency meeting at the end of February and commits to actively engage to it.
- The CC welcomes at a personal level the proposal to adjust the Acronym of the CSM in line with its decision of 2018. The CC also agrees to consult widely with constituencies and sub-regions in order to take a decision during the next CC meeting.
- The CC has no objection or comments on the revised calendar and workplan.
- The CC also requested to list in this minute's possible ways to contribute when a CC member cannot attend a CC meeting:
 - The CC member can contribute by sending in advance its written comments and inputs on the agenda via email;
 - The CC member can also nominate an alternate from its constituency and sub-region to deliver the key messages and report back.

Welcome and introduction to the meeting, adoption of draft agenda and adoption of the CC minutes of 14 December 2021

Round of introductions of all participants in the call and welcoming of new CC members appointed:

- Elena Borodina from the Ukrainian Rural Development Network who was appointed for her second CC mandate by the Eastern Europe subregion (Ukraine)
- Glorene A. Das from Asian Rural Women Coalition appointed for her first mandate as co-coordinator of the Women's Constituency (Malaysia)
- Fatima Burnad from Asian Rural Women Coalition appointed for her second mandate as co-coordinator of the Landless constituency (India)
- Wilhelmina Pelegrina from Greenpeace South East Asia appointed for her first mandate as co-coordinator of the NGO constituency (Philippines)
- Moayyad Bsharat - La Via Campesina, appointed for his first mandate as Co-coordinator of the Landless constituency (Palestine)

The draft minutes of the CC meeting of 14 December 2021 were adopted with no revisions or objections.

The draft agenda of the meeting was also adopted:

1. Welcome of new CC members, round of introduction, adoption of the CC meeting's minutes of 14 December 2021 and adoption of the draft agenda for the meeting;
2. Update on CFS Processes: Report from CFS Bureau and Advisory Group, CFS Processes on Gender Equality and Youth, Data WG, electronic consultation on Inequalities, monitoring
3. Update on the transition in the Secretariat, presentation of the interim communication officer.
4. Update and proposal from the Landless Constituency
5. Discussion about the change of the acronym, as proposed by the Indigenous Peoples constituency
6. People's consultations on policy responses to COVID-19
7. Start of discussion about our suggestions for future priorities for the CFS: suggestion to have a specific CC meeting on this topic scheduled for 15 February
8. Dates of next CC meetings and next steps for implementing internal priorities

Update on CFS Processes. Report from different processes (3 minutes each)

CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 14 January 2022.

The last AG and Bureau meeting addressed three main topics:

- *The timetable and agenda of the upcoming CFS Plenary Session:* we requested to have a dedicated time and space for debating the coordinated policy response on COVID, and to link this session with the discussions of the upcoming MYPoW; we requested more time for the session that will adopt the Youth policy recommendations; more gender parity and more Indigenous Peoples participation in panels; we requested to have a rural woman to open the plenary session.
- *The modalities of negotiation for the Youth and Gender processes:* we requested, among other things to ensure participatory and inclusive methodologies and approaches in line with the CFS reform; ensuring interpretation at all times; attention to time zones; possibility to engage in policy dialogues respecting the different background and cultures in the room; the need to ensure that CFS participants' text proposals may be displayed and taken into account.
- *The CFS Contribution to the next HLPF in NY:* the upcoming CFS contribution to the HLPF of July needs to be submitted by March 2022. The leading topic for the SDG review will be COVID-19. As CSM we proposed a task team that could work on a draft and that could value the wealth of evidence and debates generated in the CFS in the past two years.

Moreover, the CFS Chair has established that each meeting of the AG and Bureau will have a dedicated time to address issues that are identified relevant to CFS (last time it was the controversial Nutrition4Growth

Initiative). The CFS Chair also proposed the idea of having an informal retreat, open to Bureau and AG members, to enable an informal space of dialogue and trust among CFS members and participants.

We also met with the CFS Chair prior to the AG to raise our main points, and after the AG to follow-up on his request to address specifically with us the UNFSS aftermath. The CFS Chair continues to lead this process with the informal working group of the Bureau and the AG and also shared with us the idea of inviting as an ad-hoc Advisory Group member the new Coordinator of the RBAs Hub.

Gender

The CFS has released the first draft of the Guidelines on Gender equality and women and girls' empowerment in all UN languages. This first draft has been prepared based on the outcomes of the CFS regional consultations and the CFS global electronic consultations. As CSM we have been very active in both processes. The first CFS OEWG meeting to gather feedbacks and comments around this first draft will take place on Monday 21st of February 2022 (two sessions of 3 hours each). By the 18th of February, CFS members and participants are expected to submit their written inputs to this first draft. The CSM Women's Working Group will be meeting on 3 and 17 of February to prepare its contributions for both deadlines. The guidelines are expected to be adopted in October 2022, and negotiations should take place in May, end of June and possibly also the first week of August (this last date still to be confirmed). Glorene and Maria Isabel have been appointed by the Women's Constituency and will lead this process, as co-coordinators of the CSM Women's Working Group.

Data

The process on the CFS policy recommendations on "Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition" is starting. Currently the HLPE report is holding an electronic consultation on the zero draft of the report that will close on 2 February 2022. The CSM data Working Group is therefore focused on drafting its written inputs to the e-consultation. The issue of data and digitalization is highly relevant to women and youth and all our constituencies, and therefore CC members were encouraged to join the CSM Data Working Group. During the call of the Data working group real concerns were expressed on the overall framework of the zero draft of the HLPE Report. The report seems to suggest that our food systems have failed because we don't have enough data, not recognizing more crucial structural issues such as the use of pesticides or land grabbing. Moreover, who own and control the data? How to address the power concentration in this context? These crucial elements are also missing. Data driven decision-making is very market based oriented. Data should not be the only legitimate knowledge or evidence informing policy decision making. This approach closes out the voices, concerns and realities of the most vulnerable and food insecure. There is an attempt to supplant other types of knowledge in order to de-politized decision-making. The HLPE report is expected to be published in June 2022, discussed in the CFS Plenary Session of October and negotiations are expected to start after the annual report.

Electronic consultation on the HLPE Report on Inequalities

The next HLPE electronic consultation will be on the scope of its upcoming report on Inequalities and its impacts on FSN. Is a theme we proposed as CSM already in 2018, and we have seen that with COVID -19 all inequalities are now exacerbated. It is indeed still highly relevant. The e-consultation should be opening in the next few days and will last one month. The first comments will be gathered through the Global Food Governance working Group. If you are willing to contribute please join the Global Food Governance Working Group!

Monitoring

Monitoring is part of our long-standing effort to make member states accountable to what they have agreed in CFS. This year the CFS monitoring exercise will be dedicated to the Principles of Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI). A policy outcome of 2014, that we did not support as CSM, as we felt it was too weak to prevent land grabbing and capture of natural resources. Each year the CSM produces an independent monitoring report whose findings are then presented during the CFS monitoring plenary session. This year

the CSM Monitoring Working Group and the CSM Agricultural Investment Working Group will be in charge of such a process.

Youth

The first draft of the CFS policy recommendations on Youth should be circulated on 31 January, while the other language versions are expected to be ready by mid-February. The first CFS OEWG is expected to take place in mid-March. The policy negotiations will start at the end of May. The last meeting of the CSM Youth Working Group was on the 20th of January. We are trying to make our meetings more participatory, also by distributing tasks. We have analyzed the written submissions sent by CFS members and participants in December 2020. These written inputs should inform the upcoming zero draft. We could also see that the HLPE report's findings have gathered a lot of pushbacks from members' written contribution, advocating they lack scientific basis. Lastly, we are planning to organize bilateral meetings with CFS members from all regional groups.

Additionally, YPARD, an organization of young professionals, has requested to join the CSM. We are an open space and we cannot reject any request. We are in dialogue with them, as they have participated in PSM spaces and there are some ambiguities that are confusing. YPARD has partnerships with Bayer and Syngenta for training events, and internships. This is of concern to us as CSM youth. YPARD membership wants to be part of the CSM. Possibly we will welcome them but in a preliminarily way, in order to assess their involvement and respect of CSM principles and modalities. If problems arise, we will come back to the CC.

CC Debate

On Data:

- It is important to ensure active participation of indigenous peoples in this process.
- Human right to food and water can be realized only if information and transparency are also considered as human rights. This is a crucial element, to enable peoples' participation in decision-making processes. Another element is the funding of the agricultural and food investments, which can be highly controversial, and do not foresee the involvement of social movements, civil society and indigenous peoples.

On Youth:

- The infiltration of youth raises concerns, particularly concerning the GMOs agenda. How we can protect the CSM from this risk?
- CSM is an open space, we are not an alliance. We are autonomous and open but we need to be safe also. We cannot reject YPARD's request to join CSM but how we can protect each other toward the risks of infiltration? Is important to see how YPARD will involve in the process. They need to respect that the lead, within CSM, is with social movements and indigenous peoples. We cannot exclude an organization a priori. The CSM Youth constituency has assess this issue with great maturity.

On Inequalities:

- For the CSM Contribution to the electronic consultation it could be useful to use the findings of the latest Oxfam report.

Update on the transition in the Secretariat, presentation of the interim communication officer, Betsy Diaz Millan, that will cover Marion's Maternity leave

Introduction of Betsy Diaz Millán: Betsy introduces herself and greets the CC. She is based in Mexico and will be working as the CSM Communications Officer until July 2022, covering Marion's maternity leave. Betsy also invited CC members to join the communications Working Group and announces that some emails will be shared with the CC to work on the CSM Communications strategy for 2022.

Update on the CSM Secretariat's transition process: the transition process continues as planned. Luca is working on a part-time basis since the 1st of January (Working hours 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm Rome time). Giulia

Simula has been identified as the person that will be replacing Teresa. We are very happy with the selection as she is a brilliant person. She will start working on 15 February and will have a one-month handover with Teresa up until the 15 March 2022. Teresa will conclude her work on 15 March and her contract will close in April, in order to allow her to also use the holidays.

Update from Martin: Martin announces that he will also be leaving the CSM Secretariat in October 2022 as part of this transition period that will renew energies in the CSM Secretariat, after 8 years. He still does not have any plans for the future but he wanted to announce in advance its decision to allow the CC to conduct a proper process of selection of the new CSM Secretariat's Coordinator.

Proposal for next Steps. The CSM Secretariat shares its process proposal with the CC:

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- The CC could select among their members a Selection Committee that could work on the process proposal for the selection, the revision of the Terms of Reference and propose a timeline for the entire process. The overall proposal of this selection committee will be then shared and approved by the entire CC.
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CC Debate

CC members reacts to the news sharing kind words of appreciation for the work carried out by the CSM Secretariat in the past 8 years. As social movements, *movement* itself is a structural and inner part of our nature. The CC welcomes the process proposals shared by the CSM Secretariat for the selection of the new coordinator. The CC member that has been active during the last selection of the current coordinator, in 2014, shared their experience with the rest of the CC. At that time the selection committee was composed by 4 CC members from different organizations, regions and constituencies. The CC also expressed the wish to identify a process that can be as smooth as possible. CC members also recall the last CSM Evaluation of 2018, where it was stressed the importance to handover the wealth of knowledge and experience underlying within the memory and history of the space. This effort is a joint effort that all CSM participants should contribute to.

Update and proposal from the Landless constituency

Landlessness is a global issue, particularly impacting women and youth. In this sense landlessness is highly relevant for the CFS Gender guidelines.

We see increasing land grabbing and corporate capture of our natural resources and food systems. Indian struggles were successful within this context. Landlessness is a long-standing struggle and we want all constituencies to be involved. As CSM Landless constituency we are planning a constituency meeting at the end of the month of February. We want to look at landlessness and also look into food sovereignty and agroecology. We will send you an invitation to attend this meeting and we encourage of you to participate and join this struggle.

CC Debate

The CC welcomes this idea of a constituency meeting. During the CFS gender regional consultation, particular during the regional consultation of the Mena region, CSM evidenced the absence to any reference to occupation in the zero draft of the guidelines. Conflict is different from occupation, and within occupation there are very critical impacts for women and landless. We need to push for something to change, if not many of these CFS guidelines are not going to be useful if we stay in this situation. Landless voices are extremely important.

Discussion about the change of the acronym, as proposed by the Indigenous Peoples Constituency

Introduction to the agenda item from Indigenous Peoples constituency: Thanks for being sensitive to these issues and thanks to the secretariat for capturing well the elements of the discussion of December. We don't want to change the mandate or work of the CSM. We want to change the name to better align it to its decision of 2018 and make it more inclusive.

This change will add value to the mechanism, due to the spaces Indigenous Peoples have fought for and have established within the UN bodies. Indigenous Peoples have been invisible for a long time and we have also learned that if we are not named, we are not recognized. As Indigenous Peoples we are part of other collective processes with other networks and organizations. Self-determination is important to be recognized, and as Indigenous Peoples we don't identify as civil society. Normally, in the UN, Indigenous Peoples have their own mechanism, while here we are all together fighting jointly our struggle for food sovereignty.

The logo as it is, as a symbol, is perfect, so it is a matter of adding the adjustment of the name for the better inclusion and representation of our joined work. We are not in a rush, and we want this process to be done in a good way. It is a ratification what we agreed and should feel natural for everyone. If during the CC consultation there are some concerns, we can address them during the next CC meeting.

CSM Secretariat contextualization: this main decision was already taken 4 years ago when the name changed. The proposed decision is to make the acronym consistent, CSIPM. In terms of implications, if the CC agrees to adopt this change, we have to communicate this info to our own participating organizations and official structures, adjusting our communication means. When we changed the name in 2018, the process took a year. It was proposed by the Indigenous Peoples constituency after its meeting, and it was an important recognition that needed to be reflected in the name. It would be important to get a consensus.

CC Debate

CC members have welcomed the proposal at personal level and understood this proposal as a rectification and further implementation of the decision taken in 2018. Despite the agreement, CC members also agreed that this adjustment of the acronym needs to be supported by a more comprehensive process and requested additional time to consult with their own constituencies and sub-regions. This would ensure a better collective ownership of the acronym and enrich the consensus. The decision could be taken in the next meeting.

Some CC members also proposed to use an online poll or including this topic in some of the CSM upcoming working group meetings.

Some CC also stressed the issue of self-determination as crucial for the CSM, regarding Indigenous Peoples, but also gender identity.

People's consultations on policy responses to COVID-19

During the last CC meeting in December, we talked about getting agreement to ensure CFS could table a coordinated policy response to COVID-19 in the agenda. The pandemic is impacting so strongly our constituencies, worsening the wide range of human rights violations and inequalities they suffer. The impacts of this pandemic will be long lasting, particularly in poor countries' economies. But our constituencies are also actively engaging on the ground and advancing policy demands at all levels, towards the radical transformation of food systems.

We met bilaterally with the CFS Chair and he agreed that is important for the CFS to address this crucial issue. He requested us to send him a letter with all with all our proposals, and he agreed to ensure some space for discussion within CFS (AG and Bureau meeting, plenary session, website).

Our main activity, towards the peoples' consultation, is outreaching to the constituencies on the ground. Gathering evidence on how impacts on COVID are evolving. Advocacy and communication efforts are seen as equally important elements towards this consultation, to ensure this campaign is successful. We want to foster exchange among ourselves to generate concrete tools and ideas that people's communities could use on the ground supporting the work they are carrying out with local authorities. At the same time, we want to feed and bring the evidence from the ground into the debate on the global level. We will use an intersectional approach, looking particularly to youth, women, and LGBTQIA+ persons. We are scheduling meetings to develop a concrete action plan on these peoples' consultation. We are encouraging and inviting you to join the CSM COVID Task Team, to enrich our work. We are also willing to organize bilateral meetings with the regional groups of member representatives in Rome. A strategy-note and a calendar are being prepared and will be shared shortly with you.

Start of discussion about our suggestions for future priorities for the CFS: suggestion to have a specific CC meeting on this topic scheduled for 15 February

CSM Secretariat's introduction: Every for years the CFS engages in a collective exercise to identify its policy priorities. The new CFS policy agenda (known in CFS as Multi-Year Programme of Work – MYPoW) will cover the period 2023 – 2027. The HLPE will soon be opening a one-month electronic consultation (possibly by mid-February) on the critical and emerging issues that CFS should tackle. The findings of this HLPE Report will be presented during the CFS Plenary Session in October and will be instrumental to start the MYPoW process, hence, the identification of the next CFS policy priorities for the period 2023 – 2027. In order to actively engage in the process and contribute to the electronic consultation as CSM, we need to start this debate internally. We would therefore encourage you to start consulting with your constituencies and sub-regions and to dedicate the majority of our next CC meeting on 15 February to the debate our policy priorities for the next period and identifying the process that enables to contribute to the HLPE report. The Global Food Governance Working Group could support the process.

CC Debate

- Is not easy to push new concepts or ideas, as it takes time. If we can have a more detailed background on the past exercises, we could see how to build from there.
- To have effective discussion of February, it would also be important to have inputs from the global food governance WG. It might also be useful to gather some written inputs in advance to better prepare our next meeting in February.
- During the last AG and Bureau, we proposed the policy response to COVID as one of the main topics of the critical and emerging issues.

Dates of next CC meetings and next steps for implementing internal priorities (see attached updated workplan and meeting calendar shared via email as background documents), including some updates from the CC renewal process

The CSM Secretariat shares the revised calendar and workplan with the CC members, calling their attention to the calendar of CC meetings proposed, with a periodicity of once a month as previously agreed. Moreover, the CSM Secretariat shares the following updates:

- The communication monitoring report has been sent for translation and will be shared with the CC members via email in the upcoming days. Ideas on how to follow-up the CSM Communications work could be gathered in one of the next CC meetings;
- The Evaluation report prepared by Molly Anderson and Faris Ahmed for the Swiss Development Cooperation (one of CSM's donors) is almost done. As soon as it will be finalized, it will be sent for

translation and shared with the CC members. A moment of discussion on its findings will be tabled in one of the next CC meetings;

- The CSM Secretariat has followed up on the last CC requests: a) we are looking into a more ethical digital provider that could be used, instead of google, to host our working groups and mailing list; b) a dedicated internal page in the CSM website for the CC is about to be created. Each CC member will have a password to access it and it will be used to post all relevant background documents for CC work (minutes of CC meetings, related background documents, calendar and workplan, upcoming activities).
- The CSM Secretariat also highlights some pending issues to be addressed, such as the need to look into some principles for a safe space and a grievance or conflict management mechanism for the CSM, as requested by the outgoing CC. This issue will also be tabled in one of the next CC meetings.

CC Debate

One CC member informs that its fundraising efforts to support Latin American participation in the CSM were not successful. The CC member also encouraged all participants to be actively engaged in the CSM fundraising activities to further ensure support for participation and active engagement also for persons with disabilities.