

THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers documents CFS 2022/50/4 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition” and CFS 2022/50/5 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decision”, as presented by Ms Tanja Grén (Finland) and Mr Tomas Duncan Jurado (Panama), Co-Chairs of the CFS OEWG on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment.
2. The Committee:
 - a. endorses CFS 2022/50/4 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition”, as a key inter-governmentally agreed global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards achieving food security and nutrition, of a voluntary nature;
 - b. expresses its deepest appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment and commends the effective leadership of the Co-Chairs of the OEWG as well as of previous Chairs of this OEWG;
 - c. encourages Members to utilize these Voluntary Guidelines within their policies, strategies, programs and regulatory frameworks, and to share progress and experiences with the Committee;
 - d. invites all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of the Guidelines to support the development, enhancement and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral gender transformative approaches;
 - e. encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition and to share

these lessons with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;

- f. decides to transmit these Voluntary Guidelines to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g. decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider and ensure the wide dissemination of the VGs on GEWGE to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- h. agrees to include these Guidelines in the CFS Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).