

CSIPM comments
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1) CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 – Final Draft

General comments

1. The Final Draft of the MYPoW appears very dense, overloaded, and fragmented, although most Member States and participants have expressed their preference for a clear, streamlined, and easy-to-follow schedule. The usual procedures for crafting a MYPoW – prioritization and merging of proposals – have not been adequately applied and further attention should be given to merging and prioritizing to ensure an improved overall outcome.
2. The number of workstreams under the policy convergence function has been reduced, as requested by most. However, the selection of workstreams should reflect more accurately the priorities expressed by Member States and participants during the OEWG meetings. Also, all of the policy convergence workstreams lead to policy recommendations and not a single one leads to Voluntary Guidelines. We advocate for at least one process that is more consistent and leads to Voluntary Guidelines since they offer significant opportunities for conducting comprehensive regional consultations and fostering better connections between the global level and local territories.
3. The overarching nature of the Right to Food, proclaimed in the text and approved by most MSs and participants, has not been satisfactorily operationalized across all the CFS workstreams.

Policy convergence function and related HLPE reports

1. We strongly recommend that the **Building resilient food systems** workstream be included in the 2024-2027 MYPoW only in the form of an HLPE report to be finalized by October 2027. This will make it possible to build upon the discussions that will take place within the platform function on coordinated policy responses (see comment #2 under Platform function below). The policy convergence process (probably leading to Voluntary Guidelines) would start in the successive MYPoW on the basis of the HLPE report as well as the summary report on the coordinated policy response which will be presented in the CFS Plenary 55.
2. In the **Indigenous Peoples' workstream proposal**, it is important to start from a recognition of the already existing international legal framework that protects the rights of Indigenous Peoples regarding land issues, territories, and the collection and use of data. In particular, the principles of self-determination and Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) should be emphasized throughout this CFS workstreams that deals with Indigenous Peoples knowledge systems.
3. We strongly recommend that a **policy workstream on Promoting and Protecting Biodiversity for the Right to Food in the context of climate change** be included in the 2024-2027 MYPoW, as requested by several MSs and participants, with special attention to the agency of food producers as the principal conservers of biodiversity. This topic is too important to be reduced to a once-off Forum.

Platform function

1. The proposal on the **Role and Rights of Food Systems Workers** has been included as a Plenary discussion but the pathway leading to this discussion lacks clarity. To address this concern, we suggest organizing a dedicated Forum. This proposal holds significant importance as it aligns with the CSIPM's key priorities, and we believe hosting a Forum on the adoption of the ILO Guidelines by the CFS in 2026 would significantly enrich the MYPoW and contribute to policy coordination between different UN bodies.
2. **Coordinated Policy responses and collaborative governance for resilient and sustainable food systems**: We propose a merger of the platform workstreams on coordinating policy responses (A.1.5.) and on collaborative governance (A.1.3.), while also incorporating aspects from the investment and finance for food security and nutrition (A.1.4) since their objectives, activities and outputs are synergetic. Under this workstream inclusive and participatory meetings would be held that would allow CFS participants and MS to work towards consensus on structural problems that need to be urgently addressed at multiple levels, while also making the connection to the challenges by governments for investing in sustainable food systems and highlighting important instruments that could support policy-led financing by regions and countries for the urgently needed food system transformation (ie. recently adopted [UNGA resolution on Tax Cooperation tabled by the Africa Group](#), which states the need to combat illicit financial flows as an essential development challenge where developing countries are particularly susceptible to the negative impact of illicit financial flows).
3. We strongly recommend a departure from the methodology used for the Substantive Segments of the AG/Bureau meetings in the current MYPoW. We recommend, instead, a strong role for the HLPE and priority voices for constituencies most affected by hunger and the representatives of countries most impacted by the multi-layered crises so as to have in-depth discussions on the structural barriers to food system transformation. We suggest holding 3 meetings per year under this platform function workstream, with a Task Team supporting its preparations and the HLPE inputting with background papers on the topics to be discussed. The outputs of these meetings would include reports by the Chair and a recapitulation by the HLPE which will ultimately feed into an HLPE report on "Building resilient food systems". The implementation of the outcomes of this workstream would be supported by RBAs as well as the CFS mechanisms.
4. We propose that the Forum on **Family Farming** be framed in a holistic way, highlighting the various forms of support it requires in order to enhance the agency of food producers and need for public policies to lead the way, followed by investments that respect inclusively-determined policies. In this sense, the Forum could be held under the uptake function so as to assess how CFS policy outcomes can support family farming while also understanding which are the gaps in terms of public policies to enhance the agency of family farmers. This Forum would feed into the workstream on biodiversity and climate change, while also contributing to the merged platform function on coordinating policies response and multilevel governance (see point 2 under platform function).

Uptake function

1. **Right to Food:** A Global Thematic event should kick-off the anniversary of the RtF Guidelines emphasizing the need to root the CFS in a RtF framing throughout its entire MYPoW.
2. **Conflicts and food security:** We suggest that this forum be advanced to 2025 given the urgency of the issues. Discussions on unilateral coercive measures can take place in this context since they are included in the FFA.

2) CFS 51 Preparation Update

- We appreciate that after the SOFI report presentation there will be a keynote intervention on the promotion and protection of the right to food and we understand that this is a good opportunity for the special rapporteur to present the right to food perspective on the state to food and nutrition in the world.
- The Plenary session on Strengthening Coordinated Policy responses is an important agenda item in the CFS Plenary and our expectation is that this is followed by a conclusion agreed by plenary rather than a Chair summary as it has been the common procedures in CFS plenaries.
- In the Agenda point IV. "Global Interlinkages Dialogues" we would suggest to add the HLPE report on "Building a Global narrative towards 2030" as part of the Reference documents with the hyperlink:
<https://www.fao.org/3/ca9731en/ca9731en.pdf>

3) CFS 51 Draft Decisions and Conclusions

a. Gender

- On para 2.e we would like to request the change of CFS stakeholders to "CFS members and participants", as within the CFS, there is this important distinction between members and participants, as the CSIPM constituencies are rights holders and in the CFS we are considered participants.
- We would also like to propose a new paragraph G after paragraph F to acknowledge the importance of this topic. The paragraph would read:

g. recognizes that gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment are transversal and priority issues for the CFS, and remains committed to continue and further integrate discussions on gender equality and gender discrimination in food systems in ongoing and future CFS processes.

b. Data

- We think it would be good that the title of the decision box and the title mentioned in para 2.a. actually reflect the title of the policy recommendations as agreed after the second round of negotiations including the use of FSN data for the realization of the right to food.
- Always in para 2.a we would like to propose the phrase we used throughout the negotiations: instead of the phrase "collection, analysis, dissemination and use of FSN data", we suggest "collection, storage, processing, analysis and use of FSN data".

We would like to propose three small but important addition to the **Para 2.c.**

- Throughout the negotiations, we recognized other sources of data beyond statistical data. For this reason, in para 2c. we would suggest to **add a reference to FSN data from a variety of sources** after the mention of [FSN data collection and analysis].
- The improvement of statistical capacity and data collection and analysis is central to understand progress of SDG implementation and also to the realization of the right to adequate food. So we propose that a **mention of the right to food** is also reflected in paragraph 2.c.
- During the negotiations, members and participants also acknowledged the importance for further discussion regarding global coordination to improve data governance, we would like to see this reflected in the decision box and therefore we propose to add **[and global coordination to improve FSN data governance]** after “capacity”.

The final para 2.c would read as follows:

notes that improvement of statistical capacity, FSN data collection and analysis **[from a variety of sources]**, ~~and~~ robust reporting and monitoring capacity, **[and global coordination to improve FSN data governance]** are still a critical challenge to many Members, but are a key to understanding the progress and shortfalls of **[regarding the realization of the right to adequate food and]** SDG implementation;

Finally, para. 2.g. focuses on statistical systems and the SDGs only, which is not consistent with the Policy Recommendations. We suggest changing the phrase "to collect, analyze, and share data" with: "to collect, use, store, process, analyze and use FSN data to improve decision-making for the progressive realization of the right to food". Instead of "national statistical systems", it could be better to say "national FSN data systems", which is broader than only statistics.

c. MYPoW

No comments

d. Inequalities

No comments

e. ICN2 follow-up

No comments

4) Workstream and budget update

No comments

5) Update on the Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism

We wanted to welcome Ludovica Donati and extend our wishes for her new role as Advisor for the philanthropic foundation mechanism (PFM).

6) CFS51 Monitoring Summary Report

We would like to thank the CFS Secretariat for the summary report on the submissions regarding the *MONITORING of CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRICE VOLATILITY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION*. We appreciate that some of our reflections are included in the report, and during these times of crises, we must emphasise the critical role played by the CFS in coordinating global efforts.

As CSIPM, we have already contributed with a preliminary submission in response to the call for inputs, and we are actively engaged in the consultation process to enhance the monitoring of these significant policy recommendations. Our commitment continues as we prepare a monitoring report, delving into a more specific analysis, which we look forward to presenting during the upcoming CFS 51 plenary.

7) Any other business

- *Hernando resignation*

We want to inform the advisory group and Bureau members that Hernando Salcedo Fidalgo, the former coordinator of the CSIPM Secretariat, has regrettably resigned from his position due to personal reasons. During this interim period, the coordination committee has appointed Giulia Simula as the acting coordinator. Following the CFS plenary, we will initiate a selection process to find a new coordinator.

- *Silke leaving Rome*

We want to express our real appreciation for the open and continuous dialogue and positive relationship we've had with Silke and for her commitment to keep the CFS an inclusive space. We want to wish her all the best for her future work in Berlin.