

CFS Bureau and (ad hoc) Advisory Group meeting and CFS Bureau meeting

Dates: 27-28 July 2023

Time: 14:30 -18:30 and 09:00 - 13:30

Virtual/Hybrid meetings (Zoom Platform + German Room)

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes with Bureau decisions

Agenda 27 - 28 June 2023

Bureau and Advisory Group and Bureau agenda items

- 1. CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 – Final Draft (BurAG item 1 /Bur Item 1)**
- 2. CFS 51 Preparation Update (BurAG Items 2)**
- 3. CFS 51 Draft Decisions and Conclusions (BurAG Item 3 /Bur Item 2)**
 - a. Gender*
 - b. Data*
 - c. MYPoW*
 - d. Inequalities*
 - e. ICN2 follow-up*
- 4. Workstream and budget updates (BurAG Item 4)**
- 5. Update on the Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism (BurAG Item 5/Bur Item 3)**
- 6. CFS 51 Monitoring Summary Report (BurAG Item 6)**
- 7. Any other business (BurAG Item 7/Bur Item 4)**

The CFS Chairperson, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio, of Spain, opened the meeting acknowledging the successful conclusions of the negotiations of the policy recommendations on “Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security”, a process ably led by the CFS Vice-Chair, Anthony Murithi, with the support of the CFS Secretariat.

He updated the membership on his latest outreach efforts highlighting his participation: in the Stocktaking Moment, strongly reaffirming the importance of strengthening CFS’s efforts towards transformation of food systems; in the 4th Conference on Climate and SDGs in NY, where he focused on the opportunity to tackle climate change and advance the SDGs through transformation of food systems; and in the 14th “Policies against Hunger” Conference in Berlin under the topic “Human rights-based approaches to food systems transformation”, which provided an opportunity to garner support to strengthen CFS as “the” global policy platform for Food Security and Nutrition and to leverage CFS’ convening power.

The CFS Chairperson then outlined the provisional agenda for the meeting, which was adopted. Participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded, per usual practice, for the Secretariat’s note-taking purposes.

1. CFS MYPoW 2024–2027 – Discussion on the Final Draft (with Bureau decision)

The CFS Chairperson introduced the Final Draft of the 2024-2027 MYPoW by highlighting the main changes introduced to the First Draft. He recalled that the Bureau was expected to take a decision on this Agenda item as the document had to be sent for translation within the first week of August in order to be available in all UN languages six weeks before CFS 51 Plenary Session.

During the open floor discussion, Bureau and Advisory Group members provided their feedback. In particular, some Members and Participants:

- Stressed the need to develop a realistic programme of work, with more streamlined workstreams/activities;
- reaffirmed the importance of considering the *Right to Adequate Food* as an overarching topic of the upcoming MYPoW;
- Reiterated the importance of flexibility in the implementation of the MYPoW and the need to consider possible adjustments;
- Suggested to produce one set of Voluntary Guidelines during the course of the MYPoW (for instance *Building Resilient Food Systems*);
- Encouraged to set up more OEWG meetings, if needed, before releasing the Zero Draft of the CFS policy products;
- Invited CFS to develop a monitoring and reporting mechanism to have countries to track their efforts in implementing the CFS Guidelines.

More specifically, some Members and Participants:

- Supported the *Collaborative Governance* workstream, with several Members encouraging the merging of this workstream with the workstream on *Coordinating Policy Responses to Emerging Global Food Crises*;
- Supported the workstream on the *Role and Rights of Agriculture and Food Systems Workers* to take place under the Platform Function, as well as the Forum on *Climate Change, Biodiversity through the Right to Adequate Food*;
- Expressed support to bring forward the Global Thematic Event (GTE) on Conflicts/ Framework for Action (FFA) for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) to 2025 so as to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the CFS-FFA;
- Highlighted the relevance of the *Responsible Investment and Financing for Food Security and Nutrition* workstream, bearing in mind the work carried out by other Institutions on this topic so as to avoid overlaps;
- Support for the GTE on Family Farming with the addition of its contribution to the 2019-2028 UN Decade of Family Farming;
- Recommended 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, with special attention to the agency of food producers as the principal preservers of biodiversity;
- Highlighted the importance of including climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation by possibly integrating these themes into the *Building Resilient Food Systems* workstream;
- Supported the workstream on *Indigenous Peoples' Food and Knowledge Systems and Traditional Practices for Sustainable Food Systems*, encouraging to emphasize the principles of self-determination and Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC);
- Suggested to move the *Building Resilient Food Systems* workstream to the end (HLPE-FSN report in 2027 and policy convergence process in 2028) in order for the policy convergence process to be informed by the outcomes of the Platform activities carried out during the previous years;
- Suggested to prioritize CFS policy convergence work on thematic areas where CFS has a comparative advantage;
- Reiterated the opposition of the inclusion of the unilateral coercive measure workstream.

Bureau decision

Bureau Members agreed with the Chair's wrap-up, which included the most supported points discussed during the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

They agreed to:

- Merge the *Collaborative Governance workstream*, with the workstream on *Coordinating Policy Responses to Emerging Global Food Crises* (from 2024 to 2028);
- Expand the rationale of the *Building Resilient Food Systems* workstream by including biodiversity loss and land degradation aspects (in addition to climate change which is already included), and invite the HLPE-FSN to consider the full range of aspects that affect resilience;
- Keep both the title and content of the *Urban and Peri-urban Food Systems* workstream as already agreed at CFS 50;
- Keep the *Indigenous Peoples' Food and Knowledge Systems and Traditional Practices for Sustainable Food Systems* workstream as it was presented in the Final Draft;
- Keep the *Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition* workstream in the MYPoW;
- Include the *Responsible Investment and Financing for Food Security and Nutrition* workstream as stand-alone events rather than as substantive sessions during the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings;
- Maintain the Forum on the uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on GEWE in 2024 applying a forward looking approach;
- Hold a Global Thematic Event on conflicts/ Framework for Action (FFA) for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) in 2025 so as to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the CFS-FFA;
- Expand the content of the GTE on Family Farming to Empowering family farmers, including its contribution to the 2018-2028 UN Decade on Family Farming;
- Specify that a HLPE-FSN report is envisaged as a basis of each policy convergence process, as well as a short HLPE-FSN background note for activities under the platform function, when/if appropriate;
- Include a Mid-term Review in 2025 to assess and adjust, if necessary, the remaining elements of the MYPoW, complementary to the annual update of the rolling section;
- Adjust terms throughout the document to use agreed language as appropriate.

With these comments, the CFS Bureau agreed that a revised version of the 2024-2027 CFS MYPoW be circulated by the CFS Secretariat for non-objection procedure and then sent for translation in view of its presentation at CFS 51.

2. CFS 51 Preparation Update (Bureau and Advisory Group only)

The CFS Secretariat noted that the CFS 51 Preparation Update (or the Guide to CFS 51) document presents information on the nature, content and roll-out of each session taking place at the next plenary. As per practice an updated draft with additional details will be shared for the Bureau and Advisory Group, and Bureau meetings at its next meeting in September.

3. CFS 51 Draft Decisions and Conclusions

Draft decisions and conclusions of the following workstreams were projected on the screen and discussed during the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting:

- a. *Gender*
- b. *Data*
- c. *MYPoW*

- d. *Inequalities*
- e. *ICN2 follow-up*

Bureau decision

The Bureau discussed and agreed on the draft conclusions and decisions of *Gender, Data, MYPoW, Inequalities, and ICN2 Follow-up*, which are attached hereto. The CFS Chairperson expressed the importance of ensuring that those Members absent also agree on the draft decisions, especially on the Gender ones, and anticipated that he would make additional efforts in this regard.

The CFS 51 draft conclusions and decisions are available in Annex 4.

4. Workstream and budget updates (Bureau and Advisory Group only)

The CFS Secretariat provided an update on the status of the various workstreams. This includes an oral update on key financial data of the CFS for the year 2022, which was financially closed, as well as an overview/outlook on budget and expenditures for 2023, based on estimates as of 18 May 2023. A number of Bureau and Advisory Group Members asked whether the overview information on budget and expenditure could also be provided in written form. Some requested more detailed, frequent and strategic reports on budget (contributions, disbursements per workstream and concepts, etc). A table with budget information is included as Annex 3.

5. Update on the Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism (for discussion)

The representative from the Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF), presented the main features of the Philanthropic Foundations Mechanisms (PFM) website on behalf of the three foundations (Gates Foundation, Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF) and the Agro-ecology Fund (AEF). Ms Ludovica Donati, was introduced as Liaison Advisor for the PFM in Rome. Several Participants and Members welcomed the progress on this matter.

Bureau discussion

Bureau and Advisory Group members expressed appreciation for the presentation and warmly welcomed PMF to the Advisory Group.

6. CFS 51 Monitoring Summary Report (Bureau and Advisory Group only)

The CFS Chair and Secretariat presented the *Monitoring Summary Report*, noting that this Summary Report analyses the contributions received through the call for inputs – which was launched by the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN Forum) - including good practices, constraints and challenges met in the use of these two sets of CFS policy recommendations on *Price Volatility and Food Security*; and *Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition*.

Bureau and Advisory Group Members welcomed this report which will be distributed as an Information Document of the CFS51 Plenary Session.

7. AOB

No further topics were discussed.

Annex 1: Attendance list for the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); Ms Antonietta Patricelli (Angola); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Ms Moira Vargas (Dominican Republic); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Mr Christopher Tatum, Ms Natalie Boll (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Maarten De Groot, Mr Anatoliy Shatkovskyy (Canada); Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Ms Erma Rheindayani (Indonesia); Mr Jan Bade (Netherlands); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); Mr Barend Jacobus Lombard (South Africa).

Advisory Group:

Mr Maximo Torero, Ms Anna Rappazzo (FAO); Mr Mikael Kattau, Ms Elena Bertusi (IFAD); Mr Nils Grede, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Ms Stineke Oenema (UN Nutrition); Mr James Garrett (CGIAR); Mr Matheus Zanella, Ms Ludovica Donati (PFM); Ms Hala Barakat, Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Ms Nora McKeon, Ms Magdalena Ackermann, Mr Luca Bianchi, Ms Giulia Simula, Ms Perla Alvarez Britez, Mr Tyler Short, Ms Marion Girard Cisneros (CSIPM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Ms Paola De Meo (SR RtF); Ms Giulia De Castro (WFO).

Observers:

Mr Chafik Ben Rouin (High Commissioner for Human Rights); Mr Matthijs van Huijgevoort (EU).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Günter Hemrich, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Raquel Morato, Ms Shikhandri Mahanta (CFS Secretariat), Mr Evariste, Ms Paola Termine, Ms Silvia Meiattini, Ms Louna Hardan (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

Annex 2: Attendance list Bureau meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Gabriel Ferrero (CFS Chair/Spain); Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya); Ms Antonietta Patricelli (Angola); Mr Guillermo Spika (Argentina); Mr Hanghao Li (China); Ms Berioska Morrison (Dominican Republic); Ms Silke Stallkamp (Germany); Mr Cheikh Oubey Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania); Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Mr Christopher Tatum, Ms Natalie Boll (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Lara Lobo (Brazil); Mr Maarten De Groot (Canada); Ms Yvonne van Laarhoven (Netherlands); Ms Ekaterina Vybornova (Russian Federation); H.E. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, Mr Barend Jacobus Lombard (South Africa).

Observers:

Mr Matthijs van Huijgevoort (EU).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Günter Hemrich, Ms Bahar Zorofi, Mr Lorenz Franken, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Ms Giorgia Paratore, Ms Tatiana Moruz, Ms Marina Calvino, Ms Shikhandri Mahanta, Ms Raquel Morato (CFS Secretariat), Mr Evariste, Ms Paola Termine (HLPE-FSN Secretariat).

ANNEX 3 – Table on CFS budget and expenditure

CFS Budget Update

2022 (as of 31 Dec)

Regular Programme Budget Contributions		2022 Actual	2023 Actual as at 18 May	2023 Forecast (to be received)	2023 Total (Estimated)
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Regular Programme:					
- FAO		675,000	675,000	-	675,000
- IFAD		400,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
- WFP		725,000	355,000	320,000	675,000
TOTAL Regular Programme		1,800,000	1,530,000	820,000	2,350,000
EXPENDITURES					
Regular Programme		1,879,397	810,151	1,080,000	1,890,151
Balance available for planning (if any)					459,849

Extra budgetary Funds Available		2022 Actual	2023 Actual as at 18 May	2023 Forecast (to be received)	2023 Total (Estimated)
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Trust Funds:					
UNJP/GLO/944/EC (2019-2023)* EU funding for MYPOW		207,866		75,911	75,911
GCP/GLO/932/MUL (2019-2023) Multi-donor funding for MYPOW		77,899	9,842		9,842
GCP/GLO/493/MUL GEWE (2020-2023) Multi-donor funding for Gender		589,068	102,906	5,643	108,549
MTF/GLO/1038/BMG (2022-2023) Bilateral funding for Data		252,922	191,348		191,348
TOTAL Trust Funds:		1,127,755	304,096	81,554	385,651
EXPENDITURES					
Trust Funds:					
UNJP/GLO/944/EC (2019-2023)* EU funding for MYPOW		207,866	75,911		75,911
GCP/GLO/932/MUL (2019-2023) Multi-donor funding for MYPOW		67,922	163	9,679	9,842
GCP/GLO/493/MUL GEWE (2020-2023) Multi-donor funding for Gender		509,641	44,134	64,415	108,549
MTF/GLO/1038/BMG (2022-2023) Bilateral funding for Data		61,574	80,799	110,549	191,348
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		847,003	201,007	184,644	385,651

[1] Remainder of IFAD 2021 contribution balance (\$400K) received in 2022 and contribution for 2022 (\$500K) received in 2023.

[2] EU project UNJP/GLO/944/EC extended until 30 June 2023.

3a:

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 2023/51/3 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition” and CFS 2023/51/4 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decision”, as presented by the CFS Chair, Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero de Loma-Osorio (Spain), Ms Berioska Morrison Gonzalez (Dominican Republic), Co-facilitator of the CFS OEWG on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in 2023, Ms Tanja Grén (Finland) and Tomas Duncan Jurado (Panama), Co-chairs in 2022.
2. The Committee:
 - a. endorses CFS 2023/51/3 “Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition”, as a key intergovernmentally-agreed global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards achieving food security and nutrition, taking note of their voluntary and non-binding 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 Chair and the Co-facilitator of the OEWG as well as of previous Co-chairs of this OEWG;
 - c. welcomes the keynote intervention by [...] on how achieving gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment (GEWGE) contributes to the progressive realization of the right to food in the context of national food security, and of human rights.
 - d. urges Members to utilize these Voluntary Guidelines within their policies, strategies, programs and regulatory frameworks, and to share progress and experiences with the Committee in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;
 - e. encourages 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 multisectoral national policies, laws, programmes investment plans and innovative partnerships to tackle the root causes of gender inequalities and foster greater policy coherence among GEWGE and food security and nutrition agendas, and mutually reinforcing policy measures.
 - f. commends countries that have voluntarily pledged to deploy the Voluntary Guidelines in their own national policy and/or legislative circumstances, in conjunction with commitments related to the 2030 Agenda, and encourages other countries to take similar steps to actively utilize this

CFS policy agreement as a tool for national-level, multistakeholder action to address all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls, which negatively impact food security and nutrition for themselves and for their families, households, communities and countries, as well as related social, economic and sustainability issues.

- g. 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;
- h. 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;
- i. agrees to include these Guidelines in the CFS Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).

3b:

VI. LEVERAGING THE USE OF DATA FOR DRIVING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION POLICY: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRENGTHENING COLLECTION AND USE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (FSN) DATA AND RELATED ANALYSIS TOOLS TO IMPROVE DECISION-MAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY (for decision)

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers document CFS 2023/51/5/ “CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security” and CFS 2023/51/6 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security - Draft Decision”, as presented by Mr Anthony Muriithi (Kenya), Rapporteur of the policy convergence process.
2. The Committee:
 - a. endorses document CFS 2023/51/5/ “CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security” as an action-oriented, inter-governmentally-agreed,

voluntary and non-binding, global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards improving food security and nutrition policies and actions;

- b. expresses its deepest appreciation for the effective leadership of the Rapporteur, and commends the work of the HLPE-FSN to prepare the report on “Data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition”;
- c. welcomes the keynote intervention by XXX on the importance of leveraging the use of data for driving better and more targeted policies for food security and nutrition;
- d. calls on all CFS stakeholders to support and promote the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms;
- e. encourages all stakeholders to share commitments and document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share progress and experiences with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee - which is based on the principles of participation, transparency, and accountability;
- f. recommends that FAO and the RBAs, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, continue assisting Members in strengthening their capacity to apply these policy recommendations in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security;
- g. decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding implementation and 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;
- h. decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council and the UN Statistical Commission, to consider, ensure and encourage the wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, 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;
- i. agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).

3c:

THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2024-2027

DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers document CFS 2023/51/7 “CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027”, as presented by the CFS Chair.

2. The Committee:

- a. Reiterates its concern over the immense challenges to be overcome for achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 with an estimated 691 - 783 million people in the world (around 9.2 percent of the world population still suffering from hunger);
- b. [Placeholder referring to SDG2 related text in the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit];
- c. Endorses the CFS MYPoW for 2024-2027 which, through its cross-cutting focus areas, prioritized thematic workstreams and supporting activities, provides a comprehensive framework to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food and the achievement of SDG 2;
- d. Recognizes the broad, inclusive nature and strategic vision of the MYPoW process which aims at eliminating hunger and malnutrition through improved policy convergence/coherence at global level, leading to strengthened actions at national and regional levels, as outlined in Annex B of the CFS implementation report ([CFS 2018/45/3](#));
- e. Notes that the implementation of the MYPoW will be contingent on sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, in accordance with document [CFS 2018/45/3](#);
- f. Agrees to develop concise, timely and action-oriented policy products;
- g. Notes that in 2025 a mid-term review will take place in order to assess and adjust, if necessary, the remaining elements of the MYPoW, complementary to the annual update of the rolling section;
- h. Strongly encourages, in line with CFS 50 deliberations, the three Rome-based agencies to honour their commitment to share equally the costs of the CFS Secretariat budget, through either cash or in-kind contributions, as a symbol of joint ownership and shared commitment to the Committee via effective Rome-based agency collaboration;
- i. Strongly encourages, in line with the CFS Reform Document, FAO, IFAD and WFP as well as other CFS stakeholders to provide space for CFS considerations in the agendas of their Governing Bodies and Regional Conferences, as appropriate;
- j. Requests the Chair and Secretariat, consistent with the CFS Resource Mobilization and Outreach Strategies, respectively, to continue their efforts to expand and diversify the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector, and financial institutions;
- k. Emphasizes the application of the Rome Based Agencies' safeguards against potential conflict of interest regarding CFS funding.

3d:

REDUCING INEQUALITIES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Mr Bernard Lehmann, Chairperson of the HLPE-FSN Steering Committee, introduces the HLPE-FSN report on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition”. Mr Bhavani Shankar, HLPE-FSN Project Team Leader, presents the main findings and recommendations of the HLPE-FSN report.
2. The Committee:
 - a. Acknowledges with appreciation the work of the HLPE-FSN to prepare the report on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” and the presentations made by Mr Bernard Lehmann and Mr Bhavani Shankar, on the main policy relevant evidence included in the report;
 - b. Recalls the provisions contained in paragraph 21 of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023¹;
 - c. Welcomes the nomination of [...] as Rapporteur of the policy convergence process which, based on the HLPE-FSN report and other relevant available science- and evidence-based sources, will be identifying areas for policy convergence and agreement;
 - d. Recognizes the importance of an inclusive process, open to all interested stakeholders, leading to the preparation of an agreed set of recommendations to be presented to the Committee for endorsement at CFS 52 in October 2024;
 - e. Takes note of key themes raised during the plenary discussion:
 - i. [...]
 - ii. [...]

3e:

PROGRESS REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION (ICN2), INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN DECADE OF ACTION ON NUTRITION

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee:

¹ Following the launch of the HLPE report in 2023, the identification of a Rapporteur among CFS Members and a plenary discussion at CFS 51, CFS will conduct a policy convergence process. The process will lead to the development of Policy Recommendations to be presented to the Committee for endorsement at CFS 52.

- a. Welcomes, in the context of the ongoing implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the document “Progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including implementation of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition” (CFS 2023/51/Inf.17) presented jointly by FAO and WHO and took note of its findings;
- b. Remains deeply concerned about the ongoing food insecurity and malnutrition in different regions of the world and their ongoing negative impact on health and nutrition, especially in Africa, in South and West Asia, in the Pacific and in parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, and in this regard underlines the urgent need for joint efforts at all levels to respond to the situation in a coherent and effective manner;
- c. Recognizes the work done by different institutions in promoting the use of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition at country level and stresses again their contribution in helping to translate commitments for action made in the ICN2 Rome Declaration on Nutrition in the context of national food systems and nutrition-related policies; Reiterates its request to FAO and WHO to be periodically updated on further progress in the implementation of ICN2;
- d. [...]
- e. [...]