

**CFS Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting**  
**11 September 2023**

**CSIPM Contributions**

**1. CFS 51 Preparation Update**

First of all, we appreciate the work done for sending the information in advance and in such detail. As we gather for the last meeting of the Advisory Group and the Bureau prior to CFS 51, we would like to share some crucial considerations:

**1. Keynote speakers.** It would be important to know the list of keynote speakers before the plenary. Could you kindly provide an estimate of when this information will be available?

**2.** As we have mentioned before, we reiterate our proposal that the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, **Michael Fakhri**, be invited as speaker in the keynote intervention on promoting and protecting people's right to food, during the segment dedicated to the Coordinated policy responses to the food crisis. Additionally, we strongly recommend considering a **rural woman** as a keynote speaker during the endorsement and uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition.

**3.** Regarding the **Multi-Year Program of Work (MYPoW) 2024- 2027**, we acknowledge that the better part of a day is dedicated to this extremely important item, as it provides the CFS with its road map for the coming 4 years. As we know, the formulation of the MYPoW was complicated by several factors. Time ran out at the end and the document going to Plenary is still somewhat fragmentary. We regret that AG members were not able to see or comment on the final edits. The CSIPM had proposed moving the policy workstream on 'building resilient food systems' to the latter part of the MYPoW in order to build on and provide coherence for the discussions on many different topics that will take place during the MYPoW. The Bureau decision on 28 July highlighted the need to consider 'the full range of aspects that affect resilience'. This shift would have no financial implications and would neither add nor subtract anything from the MYPoW. We look forward to continuing the discussion during the plenary. For this segment, we would like to suggest the addition of another guiding question: **How can the CFS ensure maximum coherence and effectiveness for its work during the next MYPoW?**

Finally, we would also like to let Bureau members know that we are committed to ensuring the participation of all the coordination committee members of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples 'Mechanism in the upcoming plenary activities in October. However, we find ourselves

in a difficult financial situation and the participation of all constituencies might not be possible unless we are able to finalize the process of the contract with the EU in order to receive the allocated resources before the next plenary. We are confident that through the collaboration of all parties involved this will be possible and CSIPM representatives can attend the next plenary.

We are very pleased that three CSIPM proposed side events on inequalities, global food governance and on data were accepted.

## **Agenda item 2. CFS Inequalities – Draft Workplan**

The timeline and the workplan look very comprehensive and well organized. Our only concern is whether the two foreseen rounds of negotiations would be too limited, given the wide scope of the discussions that the HLPE report already foresees. On the other hand, due to the closeness of the first OEWG meeting, we would like to know if during this meeting, where the policy areas will be discussed, interpretation can be provided.

Regarding the gender issue, because of the intersectional framework in the HLPE report we believe it is important to spell gender.

## **Agenda item 3. Preliminary discussion on CFS in-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes**

We acknowledge the centrality of this topic and the compelling need to foster national and local awareness of the CFS policy products in which we actively engage in the Committee. We welcome the establishment of this workstream to fulfill this purpose.

For the CSIPM 'Bringing Rome - Home' has been a key concern for some time. To name some positive experiences, we have engaged with the dissemination of the VGGTs and the policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets and developed collaboration with FAO to create popular manuals and work on their dissemination and application.

We have also organised, together with Germany, the event "Bringing home the results from Rome", strengthening the use and application of CFS Policy outcomes. We have contributed forcefully to the monitoring work of the CFS. We have reached out to our constituencies on the ground and contributed to all of the monitoring events on the CFS policy outcomes, most often with our own autonomous reports. The CFS Independent Evaluation conducted in 2016-2017 found that the CSIPM members were the most active in promoting use of CFS outcomes at national level.

We would kindly request MS to consider that one of the strengths that the CSIPM brings to the processes and debates within the CFS is linked to the connection that our constituencies have with the territories, bringing to the table the realities and experiences of those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition. In this sense, we believe that the CSIPM is poised to hold a significant role and responsibility in advancing this work.

#### **4. Strengthening the participation of key stakeholders at CFS: Parliamentarians, Local Authorities, and the UN Decade on Family Farming.**

We need to discuss among the CSIPM Coordination Committee, so we are not sharing a position now. Family farmers are already participating very actively in the CFS through the CSIPM. We are concerned regarding overlapping membership among the Advisory Group. All of this needs time to be discussed. We wanted to voice our concerns and express our need for time to discuss among ourselves and the other members of the Advisory Group.