



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

**Fifty-second Session**  
***"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"***

**Rome, Italy, 21-25 October 2024**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## **An overview of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session of CFS**

The Plenary will begin with opening statements by UN high-level representatives and a discussion on strengthening coordinated policy responses to the food crisis, which will consider the latest edition of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report, the CFS summary report on Collaborative Governance as well as a briefing on ongoing international initiatives against hunger and poverty.

During its 52<sup>nd</sup> Session, the CFS is set to endorse the following three documents: the Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition, the Action Plan to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes, and the updated version of the Rolling Section of the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027.

Additionally, the Plenary will include a stocktaking session dedicated to monitoring the progress on the use and application of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, as well as a session to discuss the implementation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition (GEWE).

The CFS Plenary will present an opportunity to share views on the Report of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation, and to discuss the key role of decent work in agriculture and food systems.

### **Timekeeping and high-level participation**

CFS plenary sessions provide the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction among stakeholders, including the space for delegation heads to present their formal statement to the open plenary session, or submit it in writing if they prefer. Delegates are asked to keep their interventions succinct (three minutes or less unless presented by a Minister or constituency delegation head or on behalf of an entire regional group) and relevant to the item under discussion. Lengthy formal statements are not foreseen, but presentations longer than the apportioned time can be shared electronically with the CFS Secretariat and posted on its public website. A traffic light system will be in place to help delegates stay within the allocated time.

All delegates are requested to email their statements to [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org), at least one hour before the session, so they can be shared with the interpreters for interpretation in FAO's six official languages, and to be posted in the Statements section of the CFS 52 web page (in their original language).

In the event that a Member delegation will include senior-level participation such as a Minister, Vice Minister, State Secretary (or equivalent), they should inform the Secretariat in order for that delegation head to be given priority protocol consideration on the Speakers List.

## **I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

- a) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*for decision*)
- b) Membership of the Committee (*for information*)
- c) Drafting Committee composition (*for decision*)
- d) Modalities for the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report (*for decision*)

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/1 – CFS 52 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.1 – CFS 52 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.2 – Guide to CFS 52
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.4 - Membership
- CFS 2024/52/2 – Guide to the preparation of the CFS 52 Final Report

## **II. STRENGTHENING COORDINATED POLICY RESPONSES TO THE FOOD CRISIS –THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2024 (*for information and discussion*)**

- a) Opening statements by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 52 Session document webpage):
  - The UN Secretary-General;
  - The Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
  - The President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
  - The Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP);
  - The President of the United Nations General Assembly;
  - The President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
  - The Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN);
  - The CFS Chairperson.

- b) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2024;
- c) Presentation of the CFS summary report on Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food systems transformation;
- d) Briefing about ongoing international initiatives against hunger and poverty;
- e) Delegate statements on coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis.

Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/Inf.15 – The State of Food Security in the World 2024 Report
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.16 - CFS Summary Report on Collaborative governance for coordinated policy responses to emerging global food crises towards sustainable agriculture and food systems transformation
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.17 – Information note on ongoing international initiatives against hunger and poverty

### **III. GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON ADVANCING THE UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY (*for information and discussion*)**

The session provides an opportunity to monitor progress on the use and application of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of National Food Security on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their endorsement.

Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/3 – Global Thematic Event on Advancing the Uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.18 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.19 – Monitoring the use and application of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security – Secretariat’s analysis of the contributions received to inform the Global Thematic Event

### **IV. STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF CFS POLICY AGREEMENTS: ENDORSEMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN TO INCREASE AWARENESS, OWNERSHIP, USE AND USEFULNESS OF CFS POLICY OUTCOMES (*for decision*)**

The final version of the CFS Action Plan to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes, resulting from an inclusive multi-stakeholder negotiation process within an Open-Ended Working Group, will be presented for consideration and endorsement by CFS Plenary.

Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/4 – CFS Action Plan to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes

- CFS 2024/52/5 – CFS Action Plan to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes – Draft Decision

## **V. CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION TOWARD 2030 (for decision)**

The updated version of the Rolling Section of the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 will be presented for consideration and endorsement by the Committee.

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/6 – CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decision
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.20 – CFS Annual Progress Report 2024

## **VI. ADDRESSING MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS OF INEQUALITIES: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDUCING INEQUALITIES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for decision)**

The final version of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition, resulting from an inclusive multi-stakeholder negotiation process within an Open-Ended Working Group, will be presented for consideration and endorsement by CFS Plenary. The session will also represent an opportunity for highlighting the most significant elements of the Policy Recommendations, and the opportunities for advancing and accelerating their uptake and implementation at global, regional, country, and local levels.

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/7 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2024/52/8 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decision

## **VII. PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION ACROSS THE RURAL-URBAN CONTINUUM: STRENGTHENING URBAN AND PERI-URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE CONTEXT OF URBANIZATION AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION (for discussion)**

- a) Presentation of the HLPE-FSN Report on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation;
- b) CFS stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide feedback and inputs on the content of the report in view of the CFS policy convergence process on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation.

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/9 – Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.21 – HLPE-FSN Report (2024) on Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation

## **VIII. PROMOTING DECENT WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS *(for information and discussion)***

This session is intended to provide a space to discuss the key role of decent work in agriculture and food systems from a Right to Food perspective and to discuss potential synergies between CFS and the International Labour Organization (ILO) policy convergence work, and in particular how existing CFS policy guidance could support the utilization at country level of the ILO Policy Guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agriculture and food sector.

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/10 – Promoting decent work in agriculture and food systems – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.22 – Promoting decent work in agriculture and food systems – Information note

## **IX. FORUM ON THE UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION *(for information and discussion)***

The forum is intended to provide CFS stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition and mobilize political commitment from governments, donors, civil society, private sector and the UN system.

### Background documents:

- CFS 2024/52/11 – Forum on the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.23 – Forum on the uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition – Concept Note
- CFS 2024/52/Inf.24 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

## **X. OTHER MATTERS**

- a) CFS Bureau and Alternate Members (for decision)
- b) Date of the Fifty-third Session of CFS (for decision)
- c) Adoption of the Final Report (for decision)