

POLICY CONVERGENCE PROCESS ON BUILDING RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

During the Bureau meeting held on 12 September, a workplan for the policy convergence process on Building Resilient Food Systems was approved, pending confirmation from FAO Meeting Services. Following their confirmation, several adjustments were made to the workplan in line with their requirements. In addition, a Thematic Discussion will be held on 19 January to foster a shared understanding among CFS stakeholders of key concepts related food systems resilience, drawing on the relevant [HLPE-FSN Report](#). The sections highlighted in yellow indicate the changes introduced.

Process and next steps

The call for inputs to provide written feedback on elements to be addressed through the policy convergence process, as well as concrete case studies illustrating how the forthcoming policy recommendations might be applied in practice, closed on 1 December. During the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), scheduled for 17 December, further discussions will be held to inform the preparation of the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on this topic.

To increase participation and ownership, the Secretariat is developing a stakeholder mapping and engagement plan to identify additional key actors who could contribute to the workstream in various ways. Further information will be provided during the first OEWG meeting.

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
PRELIMINARY PHASE – DEFINING PROCESS AND COLLECTING STAKEHOLDERS’ INPUTS ON POLICY AREAS: OCTOBER 2025 – DECEMBER 2025	
CFS 53: Plenary discussion on HLPE-FSN Report and policy areas	22 October 2025
Stakeholders consult with their constituencies and provide written inputs on elements to be included in the Zero Draft (4 weeks)	3 Nov –1 December 2025
OEWG meeting to discuss policy areas to be included in the Zero Draft	17 December 2025
Thematic discussion	19 January
PHASE 1 – PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE ZERO DRAFT: FEBRUARY – APRIL 2026	
Zero Draft of the Policy Recommendations is circulated by the CFS Secretariat	6 February 2026
Translation of Zero Draft into FAO official languages (two weeks)	End of February
OEWG meeting to discuss feedback on the Zero Draft	6 March 2026
Stakeholders consult with their constituencies and provide written inputs on the Zero Draft (5 weeks)	7 February - 12 March 2026
PHASE 2 – PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: MAY – JULY 2026	
Draft One of the Policy Recommendations (final version for negotiation) is circulated by the CFS Secretariat	15 April 2026
Translation of First Draft into FAO official languages	End of April
Stakeholders consult with their constituencies and provide written comments on Draft One (four weeks)	15 April – 13 May 2026
OEWG Negotiations on Draft One (1 st round)	15-19 June 2026
OEWG Negotiations on Draft One (2 nd round)	6-10 July 2026
PHASE 3 – ENDORSEMENT OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: OCTOBER 2026	
The CFS Policy Recommendations on Building Resilient Food Systems for endorsement at CFS 54	October 2026