



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Fifty-first Session

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 23-27 October 2023

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

An overview of the 51st Plenary Session of CFS

The first two days of the Plenary will be held as a Ministerial Segment, followed by a Senior Level Segment. The Plenary will begin with a high-level opening ceremony 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. In continuation, the Plenary will explore global interlinkages with other key moments that relate to global food security and nutrition, including the 2023 United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit, UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment 2023, and the 2024 Summit of the Future as well as the twenty-seventh (COP27) and twenty-eighth (COP28) Conferences of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

During its 51st Session, the CFS is set to endorse the following three documents: the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition; 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 the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027. Additionally, the Plenary will include two stocktaking sessions: a presentation on the progress of the follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) as well as a monitoring event on the Policy Recommendations on Price Volatility and Food Security; and on Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition.

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, 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 51](#) 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)

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/1/Rev.2 – CFS 51 Provisional Agenda (this document)
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.1/Rev.1 – CFS 51 Provisional Timetable
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.2 – Guide to CFS 51
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.4 – Membership
- CFS 2023/51/2/Rev.1 – Guide to the preparation of the CFS 51 Final Report

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT

II. HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY (for information)

Opening statements by the following, or their delegates (which will be posted on the CFS 51 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.

III. STRENGTHENING COORDINATED POLICY RESPONSES TO THE FOOD CRISIS –THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2023 (for information and discussion)

- a) Presentation of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 Report and debate on coordinated policy responses to the global food crisis.
- b) High-Level Debate on coordinated policy responses to the food crisis and advancing food systems transformation for the achievement of food security and nutrition and the Right to Adequate Food, including inter alia: the importance of stepping up humanitarian responses, supporting smallholders and family farmers, stabilizing food prices and markets, the key role of trade, enhancing nutrition-sensitive social protection systems, and ways to equip countries with required financial resources. The session will be an opportunity to hear the voices of the most affected and delegate statements.

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/Inf.15 – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 Report

IV. GLOBAL “INTERLINKAGES” DIALOGUES (for information and discussion)

- a) The 2023 UN SDGs Summit and 2024 “Summit of the Future”;
- b) Food and Climate Change: “COP moment - from Sharm el-Sheikh to Dubai”;
- c) COP 15: the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
- d) UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment 2023: progress on the National Pathways.

V. EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS AND PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT (GEWE) IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for decision)

The final version of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls Empowerment (GEWE) in the Context of 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 present an opportunity for a discussion of the highlights of the most significant elements of the draft text, and the opportunities presented for advancing and accelerating the uptake and implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines at global, regional, country, and local levels.

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/3 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition
- CFS 2023/51/4/Rev.1 – CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Decision

VI. LEVERAGING THE USE OF DATA FOR DRIVING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION POLICY: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRENGTHENING COLLECTION AND USE OF FSN DATA AND RELATED ANALYSIS TOOLS (for decision)

The final version 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, 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 a discussion on the overall negotiation process, highlights of the most significant elements of the draft text, and the opportunities presented for advancing and accelerating the uptake and implementation of the Policy Recommendations at global, regional, country, and local levels.

Background documents:

- 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
- 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

SENIOR LEVEL SEGMENT

VII. CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION TOWARD 2030: THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) 2024-2027 (for decision)

The Committee will endorse and launch its strategic Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2024-2027 which defines its objectives, expected outcomes, ways to achieve them, and their relevance to the SDGs.

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/7 – CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027
- CFS 2023/51/8 – CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 – Draft Decision
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.16 – CFS Annual Progress Report 2023

VIII. ADDRESSING MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS OF INEQUALITIES: REDUCING INEQUALITIES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for discussion)

- a) Presentation of the HLPE-FSN Report on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition;
- 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 Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition.

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/9 – Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.17 – HLPE-FSN Report (2023) on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition

IX. PROGRESS REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION (ICN2), INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF ACTION ON NUTRITION (for information and discussion)

The fourth progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will be presented by FAO and WHO.

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/10 – Progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition – Draft Conclusions
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.18 – Progress report on follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), including Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

X. MONITORING CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRICE VOLATILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND ON SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for discussion)

The Committee will discuss the use and application of the following CFS policy recommendations, consistent with the Terms of Reference to Share Experiences and Good Practices in Applying CFS Decisions, endorsed at CFS 43 (CFS 2016/43/7):

- a) Price Volatility and Food Security (2011);
- b) Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition (2012).

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/Inf.19 – Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Price Volatility and Food Security and on Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition: Secretariat's analysis of the contributions received
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.20 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Price Volatility and Food Security, endorsed at CFS 37 in 2011
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.21 – CFS Policy Recommendations on Social Protection for Food Security and Nutrition, endorsed at CFS 39 in 2012

XI. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Modalities for a Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism for relations with the CFS (for information)
- b) Date of the Fifty-second Session of CFS (for decision)
- c) Election of Chair, Bureau members and Alternates (for decision)
- d) Adoption of the Final Report (for decision)

Background documents:

- CFS 2023/51/Inf.22 - Proposal for modalities for a Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism for relations with the CFS
- CFS 2023/51/Inf.23– Election of the CFS Chairperson