

GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON EMPOWERING FAMILY FARMERS TO STRENGTHEN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

In line with the [2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work](#) (MYPoW), the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will hold a Global Thematic Event (GTE) in October 2026 at CFS 54, as part of the Strengthening responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition workstream. The objective of this GTE, titled “*Empowering Family farmers to strengthen sustainable food systems and to achieve food security and nutrition*”, is to exchange experiences and take stock of the use and application of several relevant CFS policy recommendations:

1. [How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive Investments in Agriculture](#) (2011);
2. [Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (2013);
3. [Connecting Smallholders to Markets](#) (2016);
4. [Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (2022).

In recognizing the key role of family farmers, including women and youth, in reducing hunger and malnutrition and contributing to the promotion of sustainability in all its dimensions, this workstream will comprise inclusive and extensive discussions among all relevant actors to foster the uptake and sharing of experiences and best practices of the above-mentioned CFS policy products, also contributing to the objectives of the 2019-2028 UN Decade of Family Farming.

Following past practices, a call for inputs will be issued to gather experiences on the use and application of these selected CFS policy products. The call will remain open for approximately four months (December 2025–April 2026) and be launched through the CFS website and CFS mailing list. All submissions will be compiled by the CFS Secretariat into a Summary Report, which will serve as an information document for the GTE at CFS 54.

Furthermore, the workstream will be supported by a Technical Task Team (TTT) and informed by a short background note by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN), which will also be used to trigger the discussions at CFS 54.