

CSM Update Mar//Apr 2018

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HLPE Report on “Food Systems and Nutrition” available in all languages

The full translation of the HLPE Report on [“Food Systems and Nutrition”](#) is finally available in all UN languages!

CSM Working Group meeting on Nutrition and Informational Meeting in Rome (6-8 March) OEWG on Nutrition 28 March and 30 April

The [CSM Working Group on Nutrition](#) had the chance to meet in Rome at the beginning of March to start discussing its contributions, expectations and strategies towards the CFS policy convergence process on Nutrition. This year the CFS workstream is focused on drafting and approving at CFS 45 the Terms of Reference for a comprehensive policy process on Nutrition and Food Systems that would start with the next inter-sessional period after the CFS Plenary Session of October 2018. Read the report of CSM Working Group meeting [here](#)! The CSM WG also organised an [informational meeting](#), to have a first exchange with CFS members and participants on civil society’s reflections on how this policy convergence process could significantly contribute to the progressive realization of the humans rights to adequate food and nutrition and the fulfilment of women’s rights. It also offered the opportunity to share some forward-looking proposals regarding the Decade of Action on Nutrition from a civil society perspective. The meeting was well attended by more than 22 among member states and CFS participants.

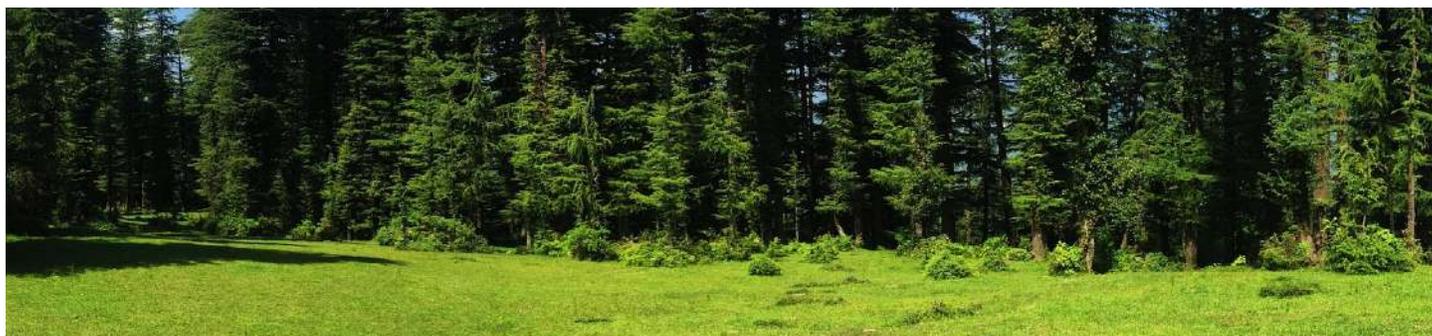


The first CFS OEWG on Nutrition took place on 28 March and aimed to start discussions on the first [draft Terms of Reference](#) for the CFS policy convergence process on Food Systems and Nutrition. During the meeting a rich and

intense debate took place on the scope of the upcoming policy convergence process. The debate was mainly between an holistic approach on food systems and nutrition, defended by CSM and supported by many members, and a narrow approach on food environments and nutrition, proposed by the UN agencies, and supported by some members. At the end, it was decided that the scope should be broad and holistic, as agreed by the CFS Plenary. Please find [here](#) CSM written remarks on the draft Terms of Reference. On the OEWG meeting of April 30 a [second draft version](#) of the Terms of Reference was presented and discussed as well as the possibility to hold [inter-sessional events](#). The ToRs will be finalised during the 15 June OEWG meeting before going for revision to the Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of July.

SDG OEWG meeting of 20 March

The first meeting of the SDG OEWG of the 2018 inter-sessional period took place on March 20 to discuss and finalise the [CFS contribution to the High Level Political Forum of 2018](#) titled “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. The contribution its focused on the in-depth review of SDGs 6,7,11,12,15,17. The [CSM Working Group on SDG](#) sent its [written remarks](#) to the draft CFS contribution on March 13 and defended the points during the meeting. The next meeting of the OEWG on SDGs that was originally confirmed to take place on May 14 has been postponed to June 1st.



CFS Evaluation meetings of 20 and 29 of March, 23 April and 2 May

The process on the implementation phase of the CFS Evaluation [Plan of Action](#) continues with a very intense period of meetings. The two co-facilitators of the process, China and Germany, aim at finalising the Implementation Report and its related annexes by 14 of June in order to have it adopted by the Bureau and Advisory Group of July, before sending it for approval to the CFS 45th Plenary session of October. The CSM continues its strong commitment towards this process to ensure that its outcome will firmly go in the direction of a strengthened CFS in the spirit of its reform. On March 19 the Bureau members organised a full-day retreat to give policy guidance to the process. On March 20 CFS members and participants gathered to discuss the implementation responses to [recommendation 5](#) (CFS Plenary Session), [recommendation 11](#) (Responsibilities on communications and activities) and [recommendation 7](#) (Actions by members to improve CFS). On the meeting of 29 March CFS members and participants gave an initial feedback to the [zero draft of the Implementation Report](#), and substantially discussed the [revised draft proposal for CFS roles and strategic objectives](#) for the next 4-year MYPoW (Recommendation 1), the draft proposal for a new [MYPoW process](#) (Recommendation 2) and a revised proposal for an [overarching monitoring framework for the CFS](#) (Recommendation 10). Please see CSM preliminary contributions [here](#) and CSM written contributions [here](#). On 23 of April a new full-day meeting took place starting the negotiation of the [first draft of Implementation Report](#) drafted by the co-facilitators based on the written inputs received. Please find [here](#) CSM remarks. During the meeting of May 2 the negotiation continued and also addressed [the annexes of the implementation report](#). Please find an updated slide of the process [here](#) and CSM remarks for this meeting [here](#).



CSM CSO Global Consultation on Monitoring the Right to Food and joint Workshop of the CSM and Right to Food Friends on “Monitoring the use and application of the Right to Food guidelines”

The [CSM Working Group on Monitoring](#) gathered from the 21st to the 23rd of March in Rome to hold a global consultation aimed at contributing to the independent civil society report on Monitoring the Right to Food Guidelines that will be presented during the 2018 CFS Global Thematic Event. The consultation brought together social movements and CSOs to discuss and share experience on: a) the implementation of the Right to Food, looking beyond the existence of laws and policy frameworks to the lived experience of communities and peoples, including the process by which laws/policies are discussed, negotiated, passed, implemented and monitored; b) policies and practices of governments, third parties and international organizations which give rise to violations, or prevent the realization of the Right to Food; c) structural barriers to implementing the right to food, particularly those faced by marginalized populations, small scale food producers and the food insecure. On its last day the CSM Working Group and the Friends of the Right to Food in Rome realized a joint workshop on [“Monitoring the use and application of the Right to food guidelines”](#). The report of the workshop is being drafted by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Hilal Elver, and

will be submitted as an input for the CFS Global Thematic Event taking place in October 2018. The event, that was well attended by 90 CFS members, participants and CSOs, intended to examine how the Guidelines have been used for the implementation of the right to adequate food at the national level (challenges, successes, barriers, etc.) and provide the lessons learned about the role of UN agencies, particularly the Rome-based Agencies, in the use and application of the Guidelines at the national level. Please find [here](#) the concept note of the event.

CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting 3 May

On May 3rd the second Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of the inter-sessional period took place to discuss the [draft agenda](#) and [timetable of CFS 45](#) Plenary Session, the CFS Evaluation process (Implementation Report and Plan of Action) and the [workstreams](#) and [budget update](#). Please find [here](#) CSM contributions while the Bureau outcomes will be circulated with the next CSM update.

