



CSM Update

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13-14 October 2018
CFS 45TH PLENARY SESSION
15-19 October 2018

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Updates on the process of the CFS Evaluation

A total of 15 CFS meetings on the response to the CFS evaluation were held with participation of CSM AG members and members from the CSM Global Food Governance Group from November 2017 to June 2018. The [draft Implementation Report](#) spells out how the CFS is going to respond to the recommendations provided by the CFS Evaluation Report. The Implementation Report will be endorsed by the CFS Plenary this October. After extensive sessions of negotiations, the Draft Implementation Report was finalized for approval of the CFS Bureau and Plenary, but some parts of it are still pending: [the ToRs for the CFS Chair](#) and the CFS Secretary will be dealt with written procedures, and the Response to Recommendation 4 on the role and composition of the Advisory Group will be discussed and possibly finalized in September. On recommendation 4 there are currently three proposals tabled: a) [CFS Chair proposal](#); b) [Italian proposal](#); c) [Iceland and Egypt proposal](#). The proposals will be debated in an informal open format meeting with a subsequent Bureau decision that will be brought to Plenary for endorsement.

[CSM actively engaged in the numerous meeting](#) reminding CFS participants and members that this Implementation Report should aim at: a) strengthening the CFS and recognizing the essential role of the CFS vision with the explicit inclusion of women's rights, women's empowerment and gender equality and the progressive realization of the Right to Food; b) make explicit the inclusion of monitoring and accountability in accordance with previous CFS Plenary decisions on the innovative monitoring mechanism of the CFS; c) strengthening the responsiveness and inclusiveness of the prioritization process: the CFS must be able to respond to urgent issues and should plan the process of the next MYPoW in the most inclusive format; d) strengthening the roles of the most innovative pillars of the reformed CFS, the HLPE and the CSM; e) having a stronger and concrete commitment of member states and RBAs for ensuring funding for the CFS in all its components.

Outcomes of the monitoring OEWG of 15 June

The one-off meeting of the CFS Monitoring OEWG took place on 15 June with the aim of supervising the preparatory work of the Global Thematic Event (GTE) 2018 on Monitoring the Right to Food Guidelines. The GTE will take place during the CFS 45th Plenary Session and in that occasion the CSM will also present its [CSO independent Monitoring Report](#) on the use and application of the Right to Food Guidelines. The monitoring process has demonstrated that there are many ongoing efforts and experiences at national and regional levels to implement and monitor the Right to Food Guidelines. Civil society organizations and social movements worldwide have made huge efforts in the last months to push their governments to have monitoring events that could feed this year's GTE.

The [CSM Working group on Monitoring](#) also actively engaged to ensure that CFS member and participant comply with the Plenary decision of CFS44 calling for a process proposal on how to monitor also the more specific CFS policy recommendations such as the one on Water for FSN or Connecting Smallholders to Markets.



In this sense the upcoming Advisory Group and Bureau meeting will address the following pending topics: a) [format and agenda of the GTE](#); b) [the proposals](#) arrived (one from Italy and one from the CSM) on how to monitor more specific CFS Policy Recommendations; c) the draft decision box (not yet available); d) the [draft background report](#) that will inform the GTE with a compilation and analysis of the national, regional and global monitoring experiences submitted.

Moreover, as announced in the last CSM Update, please find [here](#) the outcome of the Workshop on monitoring the Right to Food co-organized by the Right to Food Friends in Rome and the CSM on March 23rd. The summary and conclusions also serve as a global input for the GTE at the Plenary in October.



Outcomes of the SDGs OEWG meetings of 1st and 25th of June

On June 1st and 25th the CFS OEWG on SDGs met to start drafting the [CFS contribution to the High-Level Political Forum \(HLPF\) of 2019](#) and to start brainstorming on how to move forward with this workstream in the upcoming years. The [CSM Working Group on SDGs](#) restated in its [written comments](#) submitted on June 11th that the overarching message of the CFS Contribution to the HLPF in 2019 should affirm that greater focus and commitment with the right to adequate food and nutrition is required to reverse the global trends that are moving us backwards in terms of food insecurity and malnutrition. The key messages should combine the sense of extreme urgency while also highlighting that concrete policy pathways have been charted by the CFS. While it is important to correct the urban bias that it is often present in SDG discussions, it is equally important to expose the agency of small-scale food producers and the fact that, while they are often marginalized, they bring the knowledge and the solutions the world needs to address the intertwined crises of food, health and ecology. The upcoming Advisory Group and Bureau meeting will revise the [draft decision box](#) agreed in the OEWG and the draft contribution of the CFS to the 2019 HLPF that will be further debated during the Plenary Session of CFS 45. Please find [here](#) for your reference the edited version of the CFS Contribution to the HLPF for 2018.

Updates on the Urbanization and Rural Transformation CFS process

The CFS Bureau agreed during its meeting on May 3rd that [this workstream](#) would not continue due to lack of funding that impeded the organization of the two inter-sessional events agreed by the CFS 44th Plenary Session. However, by the end of June the CFS Technical Task Team members were reactivated to draft a half-day technical workshop proposal to be presented and discussed to the Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 23rd of July and for subsequent agreement of the Bureau. The Technical Workshop should take place in September and should address urban-rural dynamics, food systems and nutrition. We will keep you posted on these events in the next CSM Update.

Outcomes of the Nutrition OEWG meeting of 14 June

The last meeting of the CFS OEWG on Nutrition took place on June 14th and aimed at finalizing the [ToRs](#) for the upcoming CFS policy convergence process on Nutrition and Food Systems Guidelines as well as the [draft decision box](#). The [CSM Working Group](#) made clear that the process towards this new comprehensive CFS policy outcomes needs to be inclusive and participatory and stressed the importance of the regional consultations for this process. Dismissing this part of the process due to financial constraints would strongly impact the legitimization and quality of the upcoming CFS guidelines. Moreover the [inter-sessional event proposed by the CSM](#) was agreed and supported in the room. The date of the event will be confirmed in the next CSM update. [Have a look at the intervention](#) of CSM WG coordinator Isabel Álvarez Bispo introducing CSM expectations to the process on 30 April 2018.



Upcoming Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 23 of July and outcomes of the Bureau meeting of 3rd of May

On July 23rd the third meeting of the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau will take place to consolidate and finalize the pending elements of the different workstreams before CFS 45th Plenary session. The meetings' [agenda](#) will address: a) Monitoring and the GTE; b) Nutrition; c) CFS Evaluation; d) CFS Budget updates; e) CFS Annual progress Report; f) Workstream updates; g) Follow-up of the HLPE Multi-stakeholder partnerships report; h) Proposal on how to deal with the CFS Plenary session on critical and emerging issues that should inform the upcoming MYPoW 2020-2023 process; i) Take a decision on whether there should be an HLPE Report in 2020; j) SDGs. The CFS Bureau outcomes will be shared on the CSM Website, when available, and in the next CSM Update.

Launch of the HLPE Report on “Multistakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda on 27 June

The [HLPE Report](#) on *Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance and improve food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda* was [launched on June 27th](#). At the moment the full HLPE Report is only available in English. Nevertheless, the executive summary and recommendations are already available in all UN languages [here](#). No clear dates are scheduled for the release of the full report in other languages, but it most likely will be available only before the Plenary in October. During the launch, the CFS Chair Mario Arvelo made an [opening statement](#), followed by a presentation by the [HLPE Chair Patrick Caron](#). The Project Team members also presented in more detail the findings of the report that you can consult in the following [power point slides](#) (only available in English).

[The process ahead](#) for this Report is not clear yet and will be further discuss in the upcoming meeting of the Advisory Group and Bureau on 23rd of July. Please [read the preliminary contributions](#) prepared by the CSM WG on Global Food Governance as delivered during the launch.





CSM Forum dates!

The CSM Forum 2018 will take place in Rome on 13 and 14 of October 2018! Please mark your calendars and agendas! We will send shortly an ad-hoc CSM Update with indications and guidelines on how to register to the CSM Forum and the CFS 45 Plenary Session! Meanwhile save the date and stay tuned for more news in our [dedicated webpage!](#)

CSM Requests for side events at CFS 45

The CSM submitted 5 side events proposals for CSF45. The Coordination Committee agreed to submit these themes after a reflection on priority topics:

The CFS Chair and Secretariat will inform members and participants about the selection of side events by July 27th. The CSM has submitted the following proposals:

- Food System & Nutrition Guidelines: How can the CFS make a difference? *Perspectives and expectations of small-scale food producers, civil society and Indigenous Peoples*
- The UN Decade for Family Farming – a historical opportunity to foster peasants' rights. *Connecting the UN Decade with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants*
- Defend the defenders – how to effectively protect those who fight for the right to food? *Supporting indigenous peoples and social movements in their struggle against hunger by protecting them against threats and criminalization*
- Celebrating the International day of rural women: from the field to the CFS and back. *Experiences, demands and perspectives from rural women's grassroots organizations*
- The Nexus between Migration and the Right to Food: the Case of Migrant Agricultural Workers. *Insights from worrisome realities calling for urgent and effective policy responses*



We would like to invite all CSM participating organizations who are willing to actively join and support the preparation process of one of these side events by sending an expression of interest via email to the CSM Secretariat: cso4cfs@gmail.com Concrete preparations will start after getting notice about approval or disapproval of the side events.



CSM Coordination Committee meeting of 4,5,6 of July 2018

The CSM Coordination Committee gathered in Rome from 4 to 6 of July for its inter-sessional meeting to debate the current situation of CFS in light of the different outcomes of the ongoing policy process, to further work on CSM internal issues for a strengthened CSM and to strategize and plan CSM activities for October such as the CSM Forum. A summary of its outcomes will be shared with the next CSM Update.

Call for a short-term Media and Press Consultant for the CSM Secretariat

The CSM is looking for a short-term Media and Press Consultant to join the Secretariat in September and October. Please read the vacancy [here!](#)

CSM Evaluation

A draft executive summary was made available by the CSM Evaluators Priscilla Clays and Jessica Duncan to the Coordination Committee members that were gathered in Rome in July. The final version of the report will be made public in October 2018 and shared at the CSM Forum! Stay tuned by getting updates in our [dedicated webpage!](#)