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12-16 October 2015 CFS Annual
Plenary Meeting

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1. UPDATES ON CFS PROCESSES

Report from the CSM Workshop and the CFS HLF on Connecting Smallholders to Markets

On June 24th and 25th the CSM Preparatory Workshop and the CFS High Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets were held.

The CSM Preparatory Workshop was attended by more than 40 civil society organizations and aimed at further debating and articulating CSOs expertise and points of views on the topic. After a full day of discussions, participants consolidated the main points to be raised during the HLF:

- Markets cannot be separated from human rights. Right to food, rights of smallholders, rights of the Indigenous Peoples, women's rights.
- Smallholders are the one organizing the bulk of the market. 70% of the world's food feeding is produced by them and reaches the 5 billion people who consume it through the markets controlled by smallholders. Corporate value chains and supermarkets account for a minimum share of food flows.
- There is a lack of data and statistics on "invisible" markets, although they are the most important way of food providing. It is essential that they be made visible and that they are organized as constituting the basis for food security.
- There is a lack of solid assessment of the impacts on smallholders, food security and the right to food of the dominant approaches to values chains and the effectiveness of instruments like PPSs and contract farming has to be remedied.
- The CFS is the space for promoting food security, not economic growth per se.
- Public policies need to respond to people's needs: guarantee stable, remunerative and fair prices; defend the vulnerable against the increasing risks deriving from food price volatility and climate change through instruments like public grain reserves and procurement policies; promote investments in small-scale agroecological farming, small scale processing and sales that are under the control of the small-scale producers themselves
- The CFS 41 report makes a number of suggestions regarding public policies, which should not be forgotten.
- Smallholders are not farmer entrepreneurs, are social, cultural actors not only economic actors driven by profit motive alone. So the logic of the markets managed is also different.
- Promoting local food systems as the basis for food sovereignty. There are multiple positive examples of people-controlled markets at local level. It is important working with local authorities and supporting rural-urban linkages.
- Markets are not only about exchange of money. Local/Indigenous markets are linked to the land, identity, spirituality, culture and territory, among other aspects.
- Women suffer multiple forms of discrimination and they are often cut off or marginalized in the existing market for several reasons. Women are also disproportionately burdened by unpaid care work. Women need specific targeted interventions and policies to get the space for their participation in the market to ensure their economic, social and political empowerment.
- Young farmers need to be involved through specific policies that incentivize their access to the agricultural sector.
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Please click [here](#) to see a Video Note from CSM Workshop and CFS HLF on Connecting Smallholders to Markets

The CSM had 4 panelists during the CFS High Level Forum of June 25th. Please click on the following links to listen to their video-contribution:

- [Chukki Nanjundaswamy](#) – La Via Campesina
- [Shi Yan](#) - Urgenci
- [Mamadou Goita](#) - ROPPA
- [Christian John Adams](#) - WFFP

To see the timetable of the CFS HLF of June 25th please click [here](#).

To read the CFS Chair's Summary (only available in English) please click [here](#).

The work on this crucial topic will be continued and further developed by the CFS as foreseen in the Multi-annual year of program of work (MYPoW). The Task Team will continue to collect more data on the issue on the basis, as well, of the CFS HLF's outcome. An ad-hoc Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) will be held in 2016, for two days around June, to substantially discuss the policy recommendations to be approved by the CFS 43 in October 2016..

If you are interested and willing to actively contribute, please send an email to the CSM Secretariat cs04cfs@gmail.com with subject line HLF Markets.

Updates from the Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting of 13 July 2015

On 13th of July the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau Joint meeting was held. CSM Advisory Group members, Razan Zuayter, Mani Jorge Stanley Icaza, Javier Sanchez, Svetlana Boincean and Maria Noel Salgado joined together to prepare CSM contributions during the previous weekend. The main topics approached were the draft decision boxes on the different CFS workstreams (Global Strategic Framework, HLF on Connecting Smallholders to Markets, Monitoring, Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises, Policy Round Table on Water for Food Security and Nutrition and the Multi-year program of Work – MYPoW for the biennium 2016-2017), the organization of CFS 42 and its side-events, the CFS Evaluation, the proposal to celebrate the World Food Day in the Expo in Milan on October 16th, and the Chair, Bureau and Advisory Group Renewal.

Please find [here](#) the CSM Contributions to the joint meeting, and [here](#) the outcomes from the subsequent CFS Bureau meeting on July 16.

Updates from the CSM Working Group on Water

On 14th of July the Task Team on Water chaired by the Rapporteur Nicola Lamaddalena was held. Spokespersons from the CSM WG and the members of the Advisory Group attended the meeting.

The draft decision box proposed by the Rapporteur, following up the first explorative meeting of the Task Team held the 3rd of June, was welcomed by the CSM Working Group as a good starting point. The first draft decision box was in fact incorporating many of the recommendations made by the HLPE Report.

During the meeting, the Chair invited participants to share the written comments submitted to the first draft and the rationale behind it.

The CSM Working Group underlined the importance of several points:

- Human Rights Approach, Water is food and the Right to Food is a recognized right overcoming the limitations of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation

- Public policies, water is common good and not a market good
- Transboundary water resources and their link to Human Rights obligations
- The importance to establish and list clear responsibilities among all stakeholders.
- Participatory mechanisms and the role of local authorities on research and the management of water
- Agroecological approach that automatically includes the concept of resilience
- Access to clean drinking water for agricultural workers at their workplace
- Gender approach
- The importance of traditional knowledge and the relation with territories
- Protection and support of vulnerable and marginalized communities and the need to strengthen the parts related to smallholders.
- In the future work of the CFS water should be streamlined and incorporated as well to CFS products such as the VGGTs.

During this Task Team meeting, it was clear that some of the points underlined by the CSM Working Group will be heavily debated, particularly the Human Rights approach to water and food security.

A second meeting of the Task Team will be held on the 9th of September to revise the second draft of the decision box.

The HLPE Report has been translated in all UN languages; please click [here](#) to download it.

Updates from the CSM Working Group on Monitoring

On July 7th the CFS OEWG on Monitoring took place. The meeting aimed at finalizing the draft decision box. Brazil and CSM made a joint proposal that was circulated by the CFS Secretariat to the OEWG. However, the most substantial text changes were rejected during the session. This was disappointing, particularly because only the CSM had made specific proposals to advance the monitoring mechanism within the CFS, had shared them with the OEWG, and had included only those suggestions into the draft decision box that seemed to have strong support from countries.

The most striking opposition came from several countries against the proposal of having a global annual monitoring event within the CFS Plenary Session starting in 2016 with the Tenure Guidelines. If the CFS is not willing to monitor the implementation of its own most outstanding decisions, what does the monitoring mean for the CFS?

The outcome of the OEWG sadly confirmed that there is almost no progress and no political will to substantially advance on monitoring 6 years after the CFS reform. The draft decision box agreed by the OEWG is not showing any step forward comparing to last year.

The CSM Monitoring WG will analyze during these weeks its further steps, considering as one of the possible proposals to move forward, to not support the endorsement of the draft decision box and to proceed with the further development of a meaningful monitoring exercise without a specific mentioning in the CFS 42 decision box.

2. CFS 42 AND CSM ANNUAL FORUM

General Information on CFS42: themes, timetable and preparation process

CFS 42 will take place from 12 - 16 October. The Plenary Session and the side-events will take place from 12 to 15 of October, please see the draft timetable [here](#).

On October 16, the World Food Day Celebrations will be held at the EXPO in Milano. In this regard the CSM has requested several times more information about the CFS involvement during this event, in order to take a decision if the CSM as such will participate or not. The most recent information given during the AG-Bureau meeting points to the fact, that active involvement of CFS in the ceremony is not foreseen, not even of the CFS Chair. The CSM Coordination Committee will have to decide soon about participation or not under the given circumstances.

Timeline of the CC Reporting and Renewal Process

This year the registration will be done online at the following [link](#) Please see below the detailed instructions.

IMPORTANT: DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 20 SEPTEMBER

You can follow the path by clicking as well on the blue words of the text below.

Please be aware that the procedure has two steps: first you register your organization; in a second step, you register the individuals who come as representatives of your organization.

Step 1: Start from the Events page by clicking on [CFS 42 – Committee on World Food Security](#)

Step 2: When you are on the page of CFS 42 – Committee on World Food Security read carefully all information needed to proceed with your registration.

Step 3: when you have gathered all the information requested please proceed to click the [register](#) button at the bottom and right side of the page.

- If you have registered already last year, you actually should only enter the name of the organization and then it should normally self-populate the registration form.
- If you have registered already last year and forgot your password: there is a “forgot password” function: please click on it and you will receive a new password.

Step 4: please fulfill the format you will find. Once you have registered your organization click the SAVE button at the end of the page.

Step 5: You will receive an email confirming your first part of procedure. The email will ask you to click on a link in order to confirm your registration and in order to access the second phase of the process aimed at registering individuals.

Step 6: click on the link following the procedure and begin registering the individuals willing to attend the CFS 42 that are under the same organization by clicking the button SIGN IN at the bottom of the page. You can use ONE EMAIL ADDRESS per ORGANIZATION. But the SAME EMAIL ADDRESS can be used for more individuals from the SAME ORGANIZATION.

Step 7: when you completed the registration procedure a confirmation that your registration has been accepted will be sent to you by FAO within the 21st and the 23rd of September. If you register already during August you will receive the confirmation within the 1st and the 2nd of September.

IMPORTANT: FOR THOSE WHO REGISTERED LAST YEAR IF YOU RECALL THE PASSWORD AND EMAIL USED, THE PROCEDURE WILL BE EASIER, AS YOUR DATA WILL BE RESUMED FROM THE ARCHIVES. FOR THOSE ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS WITH THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE PLEASE CONTACT THE CSM SECRETARIAT AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS cso4cfs@gmail.com WITH SUBJECT LINE CFS 42 Registration Help AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU THE SUPPORT NEEDED

CSM Annual Forum: dates, venue and registration

The CSM Annual Forum is going to take place on 10 and 11 of October at FAO Headquarters. The Agenda of the CSM Forum is currently being drafted and agreed by the CSM Coordination Committee. It will be circulated through the CSM Update in September. In order to attend the CSM Annual Forum please send to this email cs04cfs@gmail.com with subject line CSM FORUM the following details:

1. Name
2. Organisation
3. Contact details
4. Copy of passport (this one is needed in order to issue your building pass for the days of the CSM Forum)

Short-term Logistics and Communication Support

The CSM Secretariat is looking for a Short-term Logistics and Communication Support for the period 1st September to 23rd of October. Please click [here](#) to see the vacancy announcement. Deadline for submissions is 18th of August 2015.

3. INTERNAL CSM PROCESSES

Upcoming Meeting of Agricultural and Food Workers Constituency

On Sept 1-2, a CSM Constituency meeting of the Agricultural and Food Workers will be held in Rome. Due to budget constraints, only a small meeting with around 15 participants can be conducted. A report about this activity will be shared with the September CSM Update.

Reference to CSM Internal Renewal Process

The CSM Internal Renewal Process is in its final step. By July 31st all CC members are requested to communicate the results of their renewal procedure by sending a detailed report on how the process was conducted.

CSM Working Group on SDG is starting to Work! Join the Group!

The CSM Working Group on SDG is finally established! Mani Jorge Stanley Icaza will be the Coordinator ad interim of the WG until October and Alberta Guerra will be the resource person. Please find below the call to join the ad hoc WG and write to the following email addresses you are willing to actively contribute: manigueuigdinapi@yahoo.es and Alberta.Guerra@actionaid.org

Dear all,

we'd like to inform you that the CSM ad-hoc working group that has received the very specific mandate to draft the CSM Position on how the CFS should engage with the SDGs after their approval can officially start!

Below you can find what the Open Ended working group responsible for the development of the CFS workplan in the biennium 2016-2017, has agreed thus far. The current plan will be presented for endorsement at the CFS Plenary in October. As you can see, the CFS engagement with SDGs has been selected as one of the CFS priorities.

As you know, the CC has agreed to call for such a group to develop a proposal on which role the CFS should play in the follow-up to the food security and nutrition related SDGs after their approval. This proposal will be discussed in October during the CSM Forum, and will discuss the CSM engagement with the CFS process that will start in November. In order to start our collective work, we suggest to start with a questionnaire to collect initial information and material from you, and then set up a call to discuss the inputs and the way forward. We kindly ask you to answer the following questions by August 22nd, in written form:

1. What's your level of engagement with the SDGs process thus far? (please try to spell out if you have engaged thus far, how, and what has been your work during the process of developing the SDGs)
2. How is your evaluation of the SDGs in general? And on food security and nutrition related goals? (please try to express very clearly your position towards the SDGs agenda, and its potentials and limitations to substantially advance the right to food and food security and nutrition)
3. What do you think should be the role of the CFS in the follow-up to the SDG adoption? (please try to think strategically of what the CFS role should be, based on your knowledge of the CFS and on your strategic view of the CFS role)
4. What should be the strategy of the CSM? (please try to spell out what do you think the CSM should do, and which strategy the CSM should adopt)

Based on your response, we'll develop a very first draft that we'll discuss in a skype call early September (please fill out the doodle to choose your preferred date: <http://doodle.com/4q5fswybbpk523gq>)

Thank you very much for your interest and looking forward to work together, our best regards,

Mani and Alberta

NOTE

[The next CSM Update will be out in September](#)