

## **Chairman's Summary**

### **BUREAU MEETING – 36<sup>th</sup> SESSION – No 16**

**13 September, 14.30 – 17.30 (Lebanon Room)**

#### **Agenda (see list of attendees below)**

The following agenda was agreed:

- 1) Update on the progress by the Working Group (WG) on Programme of Work and Budget and Rules of Procedure
  - 2) Comments on the Secretariat's note on the Global Strategic Framework
  - 3) Quick overview of other outstanding issues regarding October session
    - Update on regional initiatives and country case studies
    - Designation of Chairs by the Bureau for Roundtables Sessions
    - Update on the preparation of guidelines for expanded participation in CFS Sessions
    - Session reports of the CFS October Sessions
    - D-G invitations to some Heads of States and Government to attend 36<sup>th</sup> Session of CFS
  - 4) Plans for upcoming meetings of the Bureau, the Advisory Group and the Steering Committee of HLPE which will be held on 16th and 17th of September
  - 5) Any other business
    - Proposal to allow Observers to participate in Bureau and Advisory Group Joint Meetings
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#### **1) Invitations to some Heads of States and Government to attend 36<sup>th</sup> Session of CFS**

Due to the significant interest expressed on this matter, the discussion of this agenda item was brought forward.

The Bureau discussed the process by which the Director General invited some Heads of State and Government to the 36th Session of the CFS, noting: 1) that neither the CFS Chair or Bureau were consulted; 2) that the participation of the Heads of State might impact negatively on the timetable for the discussions of the CFS. Bureau members expressed the view that they should have been consulted in accordance with the spirit of the new CFS and CFS reform.

FAO explained that: 1) The Director General completely supports the CFS process and that he has never interfered in the discussions and debates in the preparations of the CFS; 2) The Director General issued the invitation to some Heads of State and Government with the intention to raise the profile of the CFS; 3) The Director General has a legal basis to issue said invitations according to the current CFS Rules of

Procedures; and, 4) The Director General had consulted with representatives of the Regional Groups regarding this intention.

On the basis of this additional information received at the meeting of the Chair with the DG, the Bureau will deliberate how to accommodate in the agenda the presence of Heads of State and Government who may have accepted the invitation, while ensuring that no new invitations are sent out without previous consultation with the Bureau

## **2) Update on the progress by the Working Group (WG) on Programme of Work and Budget and Rules of Procedure**

### **A) Update on the progress by the Working Group on Programme of Work and Budget**

**Renato Godinho, Brazil, introduced the agenda item as he chaired the Working Group on the PWB.**

The Secretariat was requested to consider amending the document according to the following comments:

- The text box should include more information in order to improve/streamline the content of the final report. Also, clarify that the Committee is not approving the PWB but only endorsing the proposal to the Finance Committee and other appropriate governing bodies.
- Include the funding breakdown for the present biennium that will come from FAO, IFAD and WFP (as in previous versions, 50:25:25, subject to final approval) and suggest an equal basis in the future (e.g., 33% from each agency).
- Include a footnote in Table 2 to indicate that costs related to support for the CSO Mechanism to engage in CFS were provided by CSOs and will be detailed in the related document that will be presented during the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFS.
- Clarify that the funding for the Mapping Exercise and Global Strategic Framework, as shown in Tables 3 and 4, respectively, are linked to the budget in Table 1.
- Provide more clarity regarding expected outcomes in the introduction and about consultant activities in Table 1.

### **B) Update on the progress by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure**

Hugo Verbist, Vice Chair, introduced the agenda item as he chaired the Working Group on Rules of Procedure.

The Secretariat was requested to consider amending the document according to the following comments:

- The text box should be clarified to better describe the process that will be carried out by the Bureau in making the General Rules of the Organization and the Rules of Procedure synchronized and consistent with spirit of the Reform of the CFS with the view to finalize them for the FAO Conference in 2011 and the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFS in 2011.

- Include IFAD and WFP's legal views and positions in the revision process.
- The text should clarify which rules will be applicable in the transition period til October 2011, with the understanding that any interpretation of existing (but outdated) rules of procedure should take into account, and be in conformity with the text and the spirit of the CFS Reform document.

### **3 - Comments on the Secretariat's note on the Global Strategic Framework**

The Secretariat was requested to consider amending the document according to the following comments:

- The text box should describe more fully what it is expected of CFS Plenary in October to facilitate inclusion in the final CFS report. It should indicate clearly that CFS is requested to approve only a process towards preparing a GSF without pre-empting the content or structure of such a GSF;
- Paragraph 11: include Scaling Up Nutrition; others should be considered as well
- Paragraph 12: introduce notion of global and regional level
- Paragraph 17: emphasize multi-sectoral approach;
- Revise table at end of the document which should start with CFS approval of the process.

### **4 – Quick overview of other outstanding issues regarding October Session**

#### **A) Update on regional initiatives and country case studies**

The Secretariat provided an update of those invited to present the regional initiatives (see attached). Countries presenting case studies will appoint chairs for these sessions. They will be assisted by a Rapporteur selected from member countries who will be responsible for the report of the session.

#### **B) Designation of Chairs by the Bureau for Roundtables Sessions**

- It was decided that FAO, IFAD and WFP will appoint the Chairs of the Policy Roundtables which could include senior officers from their staff.
- Each Chair will be assisted by a Rapporteur selected from among the Bureau members.

#### **C) Update on the preparation of guidelines for expanded participation in CFS Sessions**

- Remove reference to the right to intervene in point 5 in the box.
- It was agreed that a maximum of five spokespersons per session will be used as a guideline for CSOs.
- The Chair highlighted that both Members and Participants will be encouraged to be as concise as possible in their interventions and to focus on relevant and concrete issues and that regional positions are being encouraged.

#### **D) Session reports**

- Two options were proposed on how the report of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session should be prepared. One is to have only one official report prepared by the Drafting Committee with the assistance of the Secretariat, essentially reflecting the text boxes from each of the session documents with a brief context. The other is to prepare, along with a short and concise official report provided by the

Drafting Committee, a Chairman's summary reflecting relevant points raised during the Session. This summary would be prepared by the Secretariat after the CFS session and would be cleared by the Bureau.

- Due to the lack of consensus, it was decided to postpone the decision to the next Bureau Meeting which will be held on Friday 17 September.

**5) - Plans for upcoming meetings of the Bureau, the Advisory Group and the Steering Committee of HLPE which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September**

The Secretariat made a presentation regarding the meetings to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September including information on the agenda, background documents and expected outcomes.

**6) - Any other business**

- **Proposal to allow Observers to participate in Bureau and Advisory Group Joint Meetings.**  
While there was strong support to allow silent observers from the Advisory Group to attend or listen into joint meetings of the Bureau and AG, a consensus was not reached and this item was postponed for decision to the next Bureau Meeting.

**List of attendees:**

**CFS Bureau**

Chair: Mr Noel De Luna; Mr Hocine Latli (Algeria); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Mr Hugo Verbist (Belgium); Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Mr Alaa Roushdy (Egypt); Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo (Equatorial Guinea) ; Ms Ileana Rivera (Guatemala) ; Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan) ; Mr Azama Mohd Saad (Malaysia) ; Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); Michael Michener (USA).

**Silent Observers**

Ms Natalie Feistritz (Austria); Mr Kent Vachon (Canada); Mr Zong Huilai (China); Mr Egill Boccamera (Denmark); Mr Ruve Schank (Estonia); Ms Maria Larrea Lorient (European Union); Ms Mariana Santarelli (European Union); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Ms Swantje Nilsson (Germany); Mr Florian Dollner (Germany); Mr Claudio Miscia (Italia); Ms Martina Fucci (Italia); Mr Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands); Mr Esteban Pagaran (Philippines); Ms Alina Catana (Romania); Mr Elías José Guía López (Spain); Ms Jaqueline Birrer (Switzerland); Ms Tritaporn Khomapat (Thailand); Ms Sairak Chailanggar (Thailand); Mr Max Jordan (USA);

**Special Guest**

Ms Magdalena Kropiwnicka (Technical Assistant to the CFS Chair)

**CFS Secretariat**

Mr Kostas Stamoulis; Mr Mark McGuire; Ms Chiara Cirulli; Prof Saeid Noori Naeini; Ms Cordelia Salter; Mr Julian Thomas; Mr Vincent Gitz; Mr Ram Saravanamuttu; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Ms Nora McKeon; Ms Roberta Piferi; Mr Emilio Colonnelli.

<b>V REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION</b>		
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>		
1	APRC Chair (South Korea)	
2	ASEAN (Indonesia Chair)	The Secretary General will choose one of the following to represent ASEAN: 1. Dr. Somsak Pipoppinyo, Director, Finance, Industry and Infrastructure, 2. Dr. Suriyan Vichitlekam, ADR, Agriculture, Industry and Natural Resources Division
3	APEC (Japan)	Mr. Masahiko SUNEYA, Director, International Cooperation Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
	SWP (particularly the Pacific Food Summit)	Dr. Temo Waqanivalu from WHO
<b>AFRICA</b>		
1	CAADP	Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki CAADP/NEPAD, CEO
2	ARC Chair (Angola)	Eng Afonso Pedro Canga - Angola, Minister of Agric.
<b>EUROPE</b>		
1	Food Security Concept of Euro-Asian Economic Community	D.Mironchik
<b>NEAR EAST</b>		
1	Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)	Dr. Tariq Moosa Al-Zadjali, Director General
<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>		
1	Latin America: America Latina Sin Hambre	Juan Carlos Cebolla, Coordinator