

Chairman's Summary
CFS BUREAU MEETING – 36th Session – No 15
23 July 2010, 9.30 – 12.30 (German 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
- 2) Update on the Rules of Procedure of CFS
- 3) Comments on the Secretariat's note on the Global Strategic Framework
- 4) Review of the revised expected outcomes of the Policy Roundtables
- 5) Update on list of regional initiatives and of selected countries for country case studies
- 6) Any other business
 - Quick overview of other outstanding issues regarding October session
 - Update on the Joint Secretariat
 - Update on the Steering Committee of the HLPE
 - Invitation of Observers to the joint meetings of the Advisory Group and the Bureau
 - Plans for Chair's informal briefing on CFS to the Permanent Reps (September)
 - Plans for the joint meeting of the Bureau and the Steering Committee of HLPE
 - Plans for next meeting of the Bureau and the joint meeting of the Bureau and Advisory Group
 - Membership of SCN in the Advisory Group (on request of Brazil)

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Hugo Verbist (Belgium) on behalf of the CFS Chair Noel De Luna

1) Update on the progress by the Working Group on Programme of Work and Budget

- The WG co-coordinator Renato Godinho (Brazil) presented a brief overview of the WG meeting that was held on Wednesday 21 July on this matter. Using as a basis the concept note that was presented by the Secretariat, the Secretariat is preparing a document which will include information regarding the CFS programme work and budget for, a) the current biennium (2010-11), b) a proposal for the next biennium (2012-13), and, c) linkages between CFS and

organizational priorities. Comments made by Bureau members on the draft concept note will also be taken into account when preparing the revised document to be shared with the WG in the coming weeks. The revised draft will then be shared with the Bureau in time for members to have sufficient time to discuss at the next Bureau meeting in early September.

- It was highlighted that decisions regarding additional WFP and IFAD contributions to the CFS budget (i.e. in addition to the contributions in staff time) is subject to further discussion and approval by their respective governing bodies.
- A request should be sent from the Chair to the respective agencies requesting contributions to the CFS to help facilitate the clearance process from the governing bodies.

2) Update on the Rules of Procedure of CFS

- The Chair (and co-coordinator of the WG) presented a brief overview of the discussions held during the WG meeting on Wednesday 21 July on this matter. The objective of the exercise is to prepare a revised version of the Rules of Procedure translating into legal text the spirit of the CFS reform document. He highlighted that a number of paragraphs of the first draft of revised Rules of Procedure of CFS do not conform to the CFS Reform Document and efforts should be made to rectify this.
- Ideally, the new rules of procedure will be approved by the CFS in October; should this not be feasible, they could be finalized at a subsequent session.
- It may be appropriate to include the ToRs of the Advisory Group and HLPE in the Rules of Procedure,, possibly as annexes.
- The Secretariat will work with FAO Legal Office to provide the Bureau with a revised text by the beginning of September to be revised by the WG and then by the Bureau at its next meeting.

3) Comments on the Secretariat's note on the Global Strategic Framework

- Professor Noori presented the zero draft concept note on Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition, which is the result of an extensive consultation process with most members of the Bureau and the Advisory Group.
- He emphasized that developing such a framework should be an inclusive and iterative process, which will take at least two years to be developed and would involve a number of stakeholders. He highlighted the importance of producing a negotiated text to ensure legitimacy among all stakeholders.

- The Secretariat will prepare a new text taking into account comments made during the Bureau meeting including: more condensed text focused on the process of developing a framework rather than content, stronger case for the value-added of such a framework such as bridging existing gaps and identifying overlaps, better involvement by private sector and other stakeholders. As for all CFS documents to be presented at the October session by the CFS Secretariat, this document should include a box outlining the kind of decisions expected of the Plenary in October.
- The revised text will be sent for advanced translation and circulated to members first in English as soon as possible to facilitate discussion within Regional Groups and will be reviewed at the next Bureau meeting early September. The document will however remain a document of the Secretariat and not be negotiated in the Bureau.

4) Review of the revised expected outcomes of the Policy Roundtables

- Each coordinator presented a brief overview of three Policy Roundtable documents, especially the revised expected outcomes. They took note both of the general and specific comments made by Members of the Bureau, and of the Advisory Group in writing, which will be taken into account when preparing the final versions by the end of July.
- It was emphasized that while the documents were Secretariat documents, the role of the Bureau is to ensure that the documents are elaborated in such a way that it can produce as much as possible concrete outcomes at the October session. The three documents should as far as possible have the same format and structure including a box outlining the kind of decisions expected of Plenary in October.
- Most work remained to be done on RT3 since only a framework of a future document was presented. Referring to contributions of several members of the Advisory Group, the Bureau urged the Secretariat to foresee a range of concrete outcomes encompassing the different topics to be dealt with under this RT.

5) Update on list of regional initiatives and of selected countries for country case studies

- The CFS Secretariat presented the updated list of the regional initiatives that was prepared according to the proposals made by the different Regional Groups.
- The CFS Secretariat invited Regional Groups who have not yet presented their regional initiatives to do it as soon as possible in order to allow the Secretariat to organize this agenda item in time.

6) Other business

- **Quick overview of other outstanding issues concerning October session.** The invitations and annotated agenda for the October session will be sent out in the coming days.
- **Update on the Steering Committee of the HLPE and plans for next meetings.** Letters have been sent to all HLPE Steering Committee nominees about their appointment and plans are in place for a joint meeting of the Bureau and the HLPE Steering Committee on 16-17 September, including a draft agenda for the joint meetings. This will be held in conjunction with a joint meeting of the Bureau with the Advisory Group and a tripartite meeting between Bureau, Advisory Group and Steering Committee . There will be a meeting of the Bureau prior to the joint meeting, on 13 September. The Secretariat will prepare a background note to prepare the meeting with the Steering Committee.
- **Plans for Chair’s informal briefing on CFS to the Permanent Reps –** The Chair will call for a meeting of the Permanent Representatives in September to inform them about the changes in the format of the October CFS Session.
- **Invitation of Observers to the joint meetings of the Advisory Group and the Bureau Agreement** on this proposal was not reached.
- **Consideration of the inclusion of SCN among the members of the Advisory Group** This item was shortly discussed but no final decision was made. Although there was support in principle for inclusion of the SCN in the Advisory Group, objection was made about the enlargement of the Advisory Group above 13 members. It was decided to discuss this further at a next Bureau meeting. A temporary solution could be to have SCN invited by the Chair as a ‘special guest’ at the next joint meeting of the Bureau with the Advisory Group.

List of Attendees:

CFS Bureau

Chair: Hugo Verbist (Belgium); Mr Kerroum Messaoud (Algeria); Mr Travis Power (Australia); Ms Martine van Dooren (Belgium); Mr Renato Domith Godinho (Brazil); Ms Fatma Hussein Saber (Egypt); Ms Ileana Rivera (Guatemala); Mr Kazumasa Shioya (Japan); Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh (Jordan); Mr Azman Mohd Saad (Malaysia); Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); Ms Suzanne Heinen (USA)

Silent observers

Ms Maria Squeff (Argentina); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Ms Adair Heuchan (Canada); Mr Soren Skafta (Denmark); Ms Alice Luraghi (European Union); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Ms Christine Hoffmann (Germany) ; Ms Swantje Nilsson (Germany); Mr Kazumasa Miyachi (Japan); Mr Elías José Guía López (Spain); Ms Jacqueline Birrel (Switzerland); Mr Christopher Hegadorn (USA)

Special Guests

Ms Magdalena Kropiwnicka (Assistant to the CFS Chair)

CFS Secretariat

Mr Kostas Stamoulis; Mr Mark McGuire; Mr Saeid Noori Naeini; Ms Cristina Zuccaroli; Ms Orebi Sylvia; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Ms Amira Muammar; Mr Vincent Gitz; Mr Julian Thomas; Ms Cordelia Salter; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Ms Chiara Cirulli; Ms Roberta Piferi; Mr Jean-Philippe Audinet (IFAD); Ms Lynn Brown (WFP), Mr Mohamed El Kouhene (WFP)