

## Summary of Working Groups I, II & II Outcomes

### Working Group I - Lessons Leant from Countries and Regions

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**Overall Purpose and Outcome:** Countries will have the opportunity to hear about experiences in other countries in developing country agriculture and food security strategies and identify best practices that might be adapted to their situations. Outcome is to identify common themes and best practices for successful agricultural development and food security strategies, and identify areas where CFS can contribute to improving food security.

**Summary:** Divided into two sessions, *the first* will be in plenary, to give each region an opportunity to outline their initiatives. Each region will select a regional representative to prepare a short summation of the current situation, with a focus on specific regional actions that support country initiatives. *The second*, will be four parallel sessions including: 1) how the initiative was developed; 2) stakeholders involved in the initiatives/the key elements of the initiative that change the direction of food security; 3) constraints to be overcome, opportunities and prospects for the region and early results; and 4) how CFS can contribute to the success of the initiative. Each presentation should be no more than 20 minutes, with a facilitator and rapporteur to present the results to the plenary.

Four countries will present case studies that illustrate positive action to address food security. The first two presentations (Bangladesh and Rwanda) will be comprehensive in nature, while the second two (Haiti and a Latin American Country) will focus on country experiences with a specific issue related to food security.

Case studies, best practices, lessons learned etc. drafted by selected countries, in close collaboration with the Secretariat should be produced and kept in a repository for future reference and accessibility for those interested.

### Working Group II - Global Coordination and Policy Convergence

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**Format:** Policy convergence topics should be discussed during parallel or break-out discussion groups in a facilitated/round table format, followed by plenary.

**Summary on Global Coordination:** There is a need for a calendar of events/listing of relevant global initiatives and developments, as well as an information note on “global developments” building on the SOFI-report and presented during Plenary to inform Members and participants. Along with deeper analysis on MDG Review, AFSI-follow up, WB Trust Fund, CGIAR Reform. The 4 steps of coordination have to be kept in mind: meeting; harmonizing; synergy and unity, in order to identify gaps and overlaps and build increased synergy among initiatives/developments.

**Summary on Policy Convergence:** Three topics to be discussed in parallel working groups followed by plenary session:

1. Protracted Crisis, roundtable discussion suggested with outcome as a policy recommendation for Plenary.
2. Responsible Investment in Agriculture to make progress and possibly finalize two ongoing processes:

- a. Development of 'Voluntary Guidelines on responsible Governance on Land and Natural Resources Tenure'.
  - b. Development of 'Principles for responsible agricultural investment'.
3. Managing Volatility of Food Prices:
- a. Follow-up to June's Committee on Commodity Problems
  - b. Treatment of the issues is not for final decisions but rather forward-looking.

*\*Both points 1 & 2 should be treated in depth whereas point 3 should be treated with a view for follow up by HLPE and/pr future sessions.*

### **Working Group III - Implementation of the CFS Reform**

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**Overall Purpose and Outcome:** Outlines suggestions and open questions for the development of CFS plenary agenda items in intended outcomes dealing with CFS reform and Work Programme 2010-2011. Once agreed to in the CFS Bureau, this document will be sent to the CFS Secretariat to be used as a basis for the development of the Plenary agenda, including support documents.

#### **Format:**

1. Keeping track of food security initiatives and developments:  
Purpose of activity: To help Bureau and Advisory Group promote closer linkages and synergy among major food security stakeholders at international, regional and country levels thereby strengthening food security governance. It is suggested that this is done by:
  - a. Preparing and maintaining/updating a calendar of principle events and major initiatives dealing with food security, to be kept in the public section of the CFS website;
  - b. A plenary session to take stock of the ongoing global developments relevant to food security and nutrition, identify possible gaps and opportunities for coordination.
    - I. *Intended input for CFS Plenary:* A document listing and describing ongoing global developments relevant to food security and nutrition and an updated web calendar of principle events
    - II. *Expected Outcome of CFS Session:* Discussing more opportunities to create more synergy and cooperation between initiatives and developments.
  
2. Tools for improving coordination of assistance in food security:  
Purpose of activity: Develop and deploy a voluntary tool to help collect and share comprehensive information regarding country level food security and nutrition related policies, plans, programmes, projects and related resource allocation. The tool need not be complicated, for it is a relatively simple initiative and thus, WG III asked the Secretariat to produce a shorter, simpler and clearer note making clarifications on a number of issues (*see full WG III Summary for more details*).
  
3. Global strategic framework for food security and nutrition:  
Purpose of activity: framework to improve coordination and guide synchronized action by wide ranging stakeholders.

- The intended input for CFS Plenary: document to be elaborated by the Secretariat, based on guidelines already discussed in WG III and approved by the Bureau, which: outlines the purpose, areas of content and structure of a Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition; defines the principles that should orient its elaboration and use; describes a process and role of different