



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP

6 December 2011 – 9.30 – 12.30 – FAO, Lebanon Room

Agenda (see list of attendees below)

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Briefly introduce ourselves
2. Lessons learned from CFS 37
3. The way forward for the Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forest in the Context of National Food Security (VG GT)
4. Update on Global Strategic Framework plans
5. Tentative plans for the joint meetings with the Advisory Group and task teams
6. Other matters
 - a) Update on the work of the HLPE

1. Briefly introduce ourselves

All the attendees, including the Chair, Bureau, Alternates and Advisory Group Members, CFS Secretariat Team and Observers introduced themselves.

2. Lessons learned from CFS 37

A brief overview was provided on the results of the CFS 37 Survey, including the comments made during the FAO Council held from 28 November to 2 December 2011. A request was made to make the verbatim record of FAO council interventions available on the CFS Working Space.

Several suggestions were highlighted towards improving the CFS process, including:

- the agenda should focus on CFS objectives, with fewer topics, and most agreed to hold only two Round Tables, and preferably not in parallel;
- respect the deadline for the preparation of and finalization of the documents;
- clearer guidelines to be established for the preparation of the decision boxes, which should also be intelligible for those not directly involved in the process;
- decision boxes should find the balance between including all perspectives, accepting the minimum common denominator between different positions and including controversial issues;
- explore ways to improve CFS media exposure, perhaps redefining the linkages with the World Food Day

The Secretariat, taking into account the comments received together with the results of the survey and the outcomes of the FAO Council, will prepare a strategy document to guide the preparation process, including content and format, of the next session of CFS. The document will be discussed at the next Bureau and Advisory Group meeting that will be held in January.

3. The way forward for the Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forest in the Context of National Food Security (VG GT)

The importance of defining the dates for the next round of negotiations on the VG GT was emphasised. It was agreed that a final decision will be taken by the Bureau on 7 December taking into account the available options: 6 – 10 February or 5 – 9 March 2012.

A lunch has been planned on Friday 9 December in FAO with potential donors to discuss funding options for the next round of negotiations.

4. Update on Global Strategic Framework plans

The CFS Secretariat provided a recap of the meeting of the GSF OEWG on 25 November 2011, where “Guidelines for the preparation of the GSF First Draft” were discussed/revised, including a proposed table of contents. The Secretariat used these revised guidelines to prepare a zero draft GSF which will be sent to members of a GSF Task Team (TT). In accordance with the agreed timetable for the preparation of a GSF, such comments will be used to prepare a First Draft GSF which will be verified electronically by the TT, and may include a physical meeting tentatively planned for 15 December 2011. Once approved in English, this First Draft will be translated into the other official languages by January 2012 for broad consideration including at the FAO Regional Conferences starting with the APRC to be held from 12-16 March 2012 (assuming NERC is postponed, to be confirmed). With the postponement of the ARC and possibly NERC, the Secretariat was urged to consider making adjustments to the time table to allow more time for the Task Team (and OEWG) to consider the zero draft GSF.

How the First Draft GSF will be presented and addressed during Regional Conferences is being examined with Regional Conference organizers.

5. Tentative plans for the joint meetings with the Advisory Group and task teams

A tentative calendar of CFS meetings to be held in 2012 was presented. The Secretariat took note of the comments received and will present an updated version at the next joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in January, taking into consideration the final dates for the VGGT negotiations.

6. Other matters

a) Update on the work of the HLPE

The HLPE Steering Committee will meet 14-15 December in Brazil. The Project Team for the study on climate change has been appointed while the composition of the Project Team for the study on Social Protection will be announced soon. These reports are expected to be finalized by mid-June 2012. As the term of the current HLPE Steering Committee will expire in October 2012, the Bureau should anticipate the selection of the new members, in due course.

List of attendees:

CFS Bureau

Chair: Mr Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran (Nigeria); Mr Manuel Domingos (Angola); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Ms Claudia Vasques (Brazil); Mr Huilai Zong (China); Mr Handi Guo (China); Ms Shen Liding (China); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Mr Alain Derevier (France); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Mr Franklin Moore (USA); Mr Gregory Groth (USA); Ms Mary Mubi (Zimbabwe).

CFS Advisory Group

Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Ms Lynn Brown (WFP); Mr David Nabarro (HLTF); Ms Florence Lasbennes (HLTF); Ms Marlen Schuepbach (HLTF); Mr Stefano Di Gessa (HLTF); Ms Margaret Nakato (WFHFF); Mr George Dixon Fernandez (MIJARC); Mr Jorge Stanley (ICAZA); Ms Kalissa Regier (CSM); Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah (Bioversity); Ms Morgane Danielou (IAFN); Ms Maria Pizzini (SCN); Ms Alberta Guerra (Action Aid);

CFS Alternates

Mr Gustavo Infante (Argentina); Ms Debra Price (Canada); Mr Marc Mankoussou (Congo); Mr Jose Antonio Carranza (Ecuador); Mr Claudio Miscia (Italy); Ms Gioia Benedetti (Italy); Mr Hideya Yamada (Japan);

Silent Observers

Mr Stefano Golinelli (European Union); Mr Thomas Haussmann (Germany); Ms Nora McKeon.

CFS Secretariat

Mr Mark McGuire; Mr Julian Thomas; Ms Cordelia Salter; Ms Babette Wehrmann; Mr Ram Saravanamuttu; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr Vincent Gitz; Mr Nick Parsons; Mr Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa; Mr Paolo Tedeschini Lalli.