



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP

19 January 2012 – 11.00-13.00 – 14.00-17.30 – FAO, German Room

Agenda (see list of attendees below)

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Update from Working Groups and Task Teams on:
 - a) Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT)
 - b) Global Strategic Framework (GSF)
 - c) Mapping food security and nutrition actions
 - d) Responsible agricultural investment
 - e) PWB/prioritization
 2. Update on HLPE
 3. Draft CFS 38th Timetable: preparation process and proposals/options
 4. Including CFS in FAO Regional Conferences (included as part of item 1a and 1b)
 5. CFS information session on priority areas (included as part of item 1e)
 6. Confirm updated calendar of CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings for 2012
 7. Other matters
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1. Update from Working Groups and Task Teams on:

a) Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of National Food Security (VGGT)

The FAO Secretariat (NR) provided an overview of the arrangements for the negotiations scheduled from 5-9 March. Regarding registration - the security policy requires building passes with digital photos. Permanent Representatives should register their delegates on-line through the Perm Reps website. The FAO Secretariat (NR) will be responsible for registering participants. Information on requirements will be posted on the CFS and VGGT websites shortly. The deadline for registration will be 17 February.

Regarding the text - revisions to Annex 1 (Glossary of Terms) and Annex 2 (International and regional HR instruments), proposed by the Language Harmonization Group (comprising representatives of members and participants) will be posted in English on the websites shortly. Text that has not yet been negotiated will be highlighted and posted, in all languages, on the website. To help streamline the negotiations in March, members and participants are urged to informally discuss potentially contentious issues as well as submitting these in writing to FAO Secretariat (NR) by 22 February for posting on the websites in the original language, at least one week before the negotiations commence.

Regarding a Special Session of CFS - assuming that the VGGT are agreed to in March, a Special Session of CFS will be held during the week 14-18 May 2012 to approve them, comprising at most two three-hour sessions (1 day). The translations of the final version of the VGGT should be available at least 3 weeks before this Special Session.

b) Global Strategic Framework (GSF)

The Secretariat provided an update on the preparation of the GSF, together with a draft calendar of events and estimated costs. A Zero Draft of the GSF, prepared by the Secretariat, was sent to the Task Team for review, which met on 13 January 2012 to consider their comments. The First Draft is now being prepared, which will be shared with the OEWG on GSF in early February before sending to all members and participants in time for consideration prior to the first FAO Regional Conference in March.

The Chair of the OEWG noted there were several errors in the proposed calendar as compared to the calendar which was approved by the Bureau for the preparation of the GSF. He also re-iterated the role of the OEWG is to oversee the work of the Task Team, particularly with regard to adherence to the GSF guidelines. In addition to the regional consultations, the original calendar had envisaged an on-line consultation after the regional consultations, which will provide Member States with an additional opportunity to provide substantive inputs on the text prior to the Plenary-type session in Rome in mid-July.

Several members and participants highlighted the importance for countries to be fully apprised of the GFS process well before the regional conferences. Some concerns were raised on the cost estimates,

particularly costs for the participation of CSOs in regional conferences, and this item would be further reviewed when the Bureau discusses the budget and allocation of funds.

A meeting of the OEWG will be held in early February to review the GSF draft to determine if the document conforms to the GSF guidelines. The Chair of the OEWG and the Coordinator of the Task Team will also meet to confirm the calendar of events for the preparation of the GSF and follow up actions required.

c) Mapping Food Security and Nutrition Actions

A draft synthesis document of the Mapping Task Team activities was presented highlighting the proposed focus areas for the upcoming year. These include: a) harmonization, b) partnerships, c) mapping at FAO Regional Conferences, d) country support, and e) prepare for the next session of CFS in October 2012. Suggestions were made to add an introduction to the synthesis document explaining the purpose of the mapping exercise, clarify the scope of the mapping exercise for the FAO Regional Conferences and include guidance to countries, and further clarification of the estimated costs and budget.

d) Responsible agricultural investment

The Chair of the OEWG presented a draft concept note that briefly summarized previous work and sets the stage for a two-step process. As agreed at CFS 37, Step I will begin following the adoption of the VGGT to develop the scope, focus and format of the exercise for Step II. Pending adoption of the VGGT, the Chair of the OEWG will hold informal discussions to proceed with the exercise taking care not to preempt the decisions of the OEWG that will start its work after the VGGT have been approved.

e) PWB/prioritization

The Chair of the OEWG presented an overview of the synthesis document and prioritization matrix, including assumptions and criteria used for the different categories and an explanation of the main line items in the matrix. The OEWG will use these documents as input to develop a MYPOW and there was a call for a WG to be established to review how to monitor implementation of CFS decisions.

There were some comments regarding budget and funding matters, which will be taken up during the Bureau meeting. The Secretariat also provided a brief overview of the planned information session, which will include sharing the outcome of the prioritization process with all members and participants, an overview of the various funding modalities for CFS (HLPE, CSM, Trust Fund), and an indication of the funding gaps.

2. Update on HLPE

The Secretariat presented an update on the HLPE calendar and steps for completion of the two current studies, on Climate Change and on Social Protection. The HLPE Steering Committee will meet 5-7 June

2012 to discuss and approve the final reports as per the HLPE Rules and Procedures. The GSF will also be on the agenda of the HLPE Steering Committee of June 2012. The HLPE will set up a process to give feedback on the First Draft of the GSF.

Regarding the two next studies requested by CFS on biofuels and on smallholder investments, for planning purposes, the HLPE is seeking more precision by CFS as to the desired dates of publication of reports. The HLPE calendar depends on several factors: the calendar of CFS itself (and the request for a date of delivery), the time constraints for the completion of the HLPE process, and the availability of resources. The HLPE calendar needs to be set from the onset of a study and agreed by all parties involved such as the Steering Committee, the Project Teams, Reviewers, Secretariat, external service providers etc.

The Secretariat reported the HLPE Steering Committee was to be partially renewed this year as per the CFS reform document and the HLPE Rules and procedures. A calendar and process for this was proposed, in line with current texts.

The HLPE budget to complete the four ongoing studies until the end of the biennium, is of 1.630.000 USD. Given signed contributions to date, a budget gap of about 460.000 USD remains for the 2012-2013 biennium.

3. CFS engagement in Rio+20

A discussion was held regarding the opportunities available to CFS to participate in Rio+20 which is being hosted by Brazil. Whilst the deadline for formal submissions has past, there are still opportunities for contributing through side events and other activities. It was suggested that the Advisory Group review the submission that is being made by the four Rome Based Agencies and make their comments. **4. Draft CFS 38th Timetable: preparation process and proposals/options**

Two background documents were presented by the Secretariat:

- A Strategy for CFS 38 that was based on highlights of the feedback received on CFS 37 including comments that had been made at FAO Council 143
- A proposed draft timetable for CFS 38

Initial comments included the following:

- The agenda was still very crowded and in particular Thursday afternoon
- Consider moving the Rules of Procedure agenda item to Monday
- Strengthen links and synergy between World Food Day and CFS, such as:
 - communication and outreach, press releases

- If possible, move World Food Day until later in the week so that it could be used for the wrap up of CFS
- Combining the opening of World Food Day with the opening of CFS. This would have the advantage of saving time by having one statement by each head of agency
- A high level segment was still needed to help raise the profile of CFS
- There should be room on the agenda for any current or rising issues that may arise
- Regarding policy round tables:
 - If round tables are not in parallel then is there still a need to have a wrap up later in the week?
 - Policy round tables are more conducive to discussions if they are in parallel and in smaller rooms
 - In CFS 37 and 36, too much time was spent discussing the background papers. Look for ways to focus the discussions at CFS in order foster consensus building on the policy recommendations. If the Policy Round Tables are based on the HLPE reports, these should be circulated as early as possible to give people more time to digest them.
 - The number of panelists should be smaller than in previous years; consider the authors of the HLPE report and two others
 - In addition, consider discussants who pose tactically challenging questions more in the style of the Doha debates.

The Bureau and Advisory Group will reflect further on the proposed timetable and email any comments not included above to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will produce an updated version of the draft timetable and circulate it electronically to the Bureau and Advisory Group.

5. Including CFS in FAO Regional Conferences – included in item 1

6. CFS information session on priority areas – included in item 1

7. Confirm updated calendar of CFS bureau and AG meetings for 2012

A calendar of Bureau and Advisory Group and Bureau Meetings for the coming year was presented. The Bureau and Advisory Group were requested to send to the Secretariat any comments they may have on these dates.

7. Other matters- none

List of attendees:

CFS Bureau

Chair: Mr Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran (Nigeria); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Mr Huilai Zong (China); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Ms Ileana Rivera (Guatemala); Mr Agus Saptono (Indonesia); Ms Reima Dubayah (Jordan); Ms Christina Blank (Switzerland); Ms Mary Mubi (Zimbabwe);

CFS Advisory Group

Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Mr Mohamed El-Kouhene (WFP); Mr Jean-Philippe Audinet (IFAD); Ms Florence Lasbennes (HLTF Coordination Team); Ms Marlen Schuepbach (HLTF Coordination Team); Mr Stefano Di Gessa (HLTF Coordination Team); Ms Margaret Nakato (WFHFF); Mr George Dixon Fernandez (MIJARC); Mr Jorge Stanley (ICAZA); Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah (Bioversity); Mr Giuseppe Fantozzi (World bank); Ms Morgane Danielou (IAFN); Ms Marzella Wustefeld (UN-SCN); Ms Alberta Guerra (Action Aid); Mr Luca Chinotti (Oxfam); Ms Svetlana Boincean; Ms Natalia Landivar (FIAN);

CFS Alternates

Mr Gustavo Infante (Argentina); Mr Zohrab Malek (Armenia); Ms Adair Heuchan (Canada); Mr Jose Antonio Carranza (Ecuador); Mr Claudio Miscia (Italy); Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan);

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Mr Stefano Golinelli (European Union); Ms Eva Hermann (Germany); Ms Magdalena Dimova (Macedonia); Mr Elias Guia (Spain); Mr Wojciech Ostrowski (Poland); Mr Jinal Shah (United Kingdom);

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Mr Mark McGuire; Mr Julian Thomas; Ms Cordelia Salter; Mr David Palmer; Mr Ram Saravanamuttu; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr Vincent Gitz; Mr Thomas Price; Mr Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa; Ms Anna Rappazzo; Ms Annamaria Pastore; Ms Nora McKeon; Mr Paolo Tedeschini Lalli.