



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP

21 July 2011 – 9.30 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 17.30 - FAO, Lebanon Room

Agenda (See list of attendees below)

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Documents and “Decision boxes”

a) Round Tables

- How to Increase Food Security for Smallholder-Sensitive Investment in Agriculture
- Gender, Food Security and Nutrition
- Food Price Volatility

b) Addressing Food Insecurity in Countries in Protracted Crisis - A Concept Note

c) Mapping Food Security Actions at Country Level

2. Updates

a) Outcomes of the July 12-15 CFS meeting to review and finalize the voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure (OEWG-VG)

b) High Level Panel of Experts

c) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (RAI)

d) Global Strategic Framework

3. Side Event at CFS 37th

4. Regional Consultation in the Near East

5. Any other business

a) Private Sector Consultative Mechanism

1. Documents and “Decision boxes”

a) Round Tables

- **How to increase food security and smallholder-sensitive investment in agriculture**
- **Gender, Food Security and Nutrition**
- **Food Price Volatility**

The Coordinators provided an update on the work of the Task Teams and presented the draft discussion papers, including the decision boxes. It was agreed that all decision boxes be reviewed at the next Bureau meeting in September. However, it was requested that a clear deadline for comments and inputs be established as soon as possible by each Task Team. The decision boxes should be consistent with the content of the papers. Some proposals were made regarding the names of the panelists and the Chairs for each Round Table.

The contributions of the HLPE Reports and the Action Plan of the G20 on Food Price Volatility were appreciated. Although most of the Advisory Group members were supportive of the recommendations made by the HLPE and the G20, these recommendations will still have to be decided on by the CFS Plenary and within the mandate and competence of the CFS.

It was felt that the paper on the roundtable on Gender, Food Security and Nutrition will have to be refined especially on the emphasis and on the relationships of the three core issues of gender, food security and nutrition.

The conceptual difference of food security and nutrition on one hand, and food and security and nutrition on the other hand, surfaced in the discussion. Without resolving the conceptual differences, it was felt that eventually this issue has to be resolved.

b) Addressing Food Insecurity in Countries in Protracted Crises – A Concept Note

Margarita Flores (FAO) presented the Concept Note and the decision box dealing with the proposal to organize a *High-Level Expert Forum on Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises* in 2012. It was highlighted that relevant actors in the field should also be involved in the organization of the Forum. It was also suggested that, given existing workload and resources available, the consultation process should be developed under the umbrella of CFS but support be also sought from other partners. The Secretariat confirmed that additional inputs to the paper, in particular from the regional groups, will be welcome until the end of July.

c) Mapping Food Security Actions at Country Level

Mark McGuire (FAO) presented the document outlining the development and implementation of methods to map food security actions at country level. It was highlighted that the document would be presented in conjunction with the outcomes of the country case studies at the 37th Session of CFS. The Secretariat took note of the comments received and advised that further revision of the document would be undertaken to harmonize the information presented. It was also requested that the links

between national, regional and international actions be made more explicit. The decision box will be discussed at the next Bureau meeting in September.

2. Updates

a) Outcomes of July 12-15 CFS meeting to review and finalize the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure (OEWG-VG)

Babette Wehrmann (FAO) presented the outcomes of the session held from 12 to 15 July 2011. For the next round of negotiation, the draft updated version of the VG will be made available in all FAO languages in order to facilitate the participation of all interested stakeholders. It was remarked that a broad participation from all the regions should be encouraged. The Secretariat confirmed that the dates of the new session will be announced soon. The cost implications of a possible holding of the session in the first week of October should also be considered.

b) High Level Panel of Experts

Vincent Gitz, HLPE coordinator, announced that the first two HLPE reports on *Land tenure and international investments in agriculture* and *Price Volatility and food security* have been completed and shared with all concerned parties. He also informed the Bureau and Advisory Group that further updates on the upcoming studies (*Climate change* and *Social Protection*) will be given by the HLPE Chair at the CFS Plenary session in October.

c) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI)

Hugo Verbist, Chair of the OEWG, presented the document, including the decision box, outlining the consultation process that will be held within the CFS context. He also highlighted the need to establish a Task Team to start keeping track of the ongoing developments, processes and initiatives related to responsible agricultural investment. The Secretariat was asked to start working on the launch of a web-based working space to facilitate electronic information exchange. As Mr Verbist is leaving Rome, a new chair of the OEWG has to be appointed at the next Bureau meeting.

f) Global Strategic Framework

Renata Mirulla (FAO) presented the Concept Note for the online consultation on the Global Strategic Framework and outlined the process, the deadline and the modalities of participation. The Secretariat took note of the positive feedback received and agreed to postpone the date of completion of the consultation to 15 October 2011. It was also agreed that a letter from the Moderator of the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition will be posted on the Perm Reps Web Site. The Chair of CFS will also send a letter to the regional chairs to encourage a wider participation at regional level.

3. Side Events at CFS 37th

This agenda item could not be discussed due to the lack of time.

4. Regional consultation in the Near East

This agenda item could not be discussed due to the lack of time.

5. Any other business

- Private Sector Consultative Mechanism

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