



## **CHAIR'S SUMMARY**

### **JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP**

**1 SEPTEMBER 2011 – 9.30-12.30 – 14.30-17.30 – FAO, Lebanon Room**

#### **Agenda (see list of attendees below)**

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Policy Roundtables – Background documents / Decision boxes
2. Proposal for enhancing Corporate Private Sector participation in the CFS – updates
3. Regional consultation in the Near East
4. Updates:
  - a. Voluntary Guidelines on Land tenure
  - b. GSF consultation
5. Side Events
6. Call for updates for CFS Calendar of FSN events and organizations
7. Any other business
  - Update on the HLPE process
  - Press statements and interviews during CFS37

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#### **1. Policy Roundtables – Background documents / Decision boxes**

The Task Team Coordinators presented the multi-stakeholder process that led to the formulation of the decision boxes, background papers as well as the selection of panellists for the Round Tables discussions that will take place during CFS37.

It was clarified that the final versions of the decision boxes and documents were the responsibility of the Secretariat that will take the lead of the process from 2 September. Meeting of the Joint CFS Secretariat

will be called during the following week to work on the documents including to ensure consistency of agreed terminology. The documents will go then for editing and translation by Friday 9 September.

It was highlighted that the HLPE recommendations should have a more prominent role within the decision box of the *Food Price Volatility* paper. It was also asked that the current CFS workload be taken into account and that no new processes be established for the next year. The CFS Secretariat was also asked to deal with language regarding the Food Reserves-related issue. The meeting participants who took the floor agreed to have the decision box proposed by Brazil as the basis for discussion.

The background paper on *How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive investment in Agriculture* needs to include better coverage of private investment that can range from investments made by individual farmers to that made by small-to-medium collective investors or to corporate investors. It was agreed that a decision on whether the RAI document has to be submitted as an INF or Session document (or not submitted at all) was to be taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 2 September. It was suggested that more prominence be given to the work of the HLPE. The CSM indicated to resubmit their priority points that may be considered for inclusion in the decision box. It was generally felt that the language of the document should be tightened.

It was suggested to make a more specific reference to women's multiple roles in the paper on *Gender: Food Security and Nutrition* and to include a reference to "nutrition impact assessments" in the decision box. It was also proposed that the Committee considers the need for the harmonization of the official terminology the CFS should use - "Food Security and Nutrition" or "Food and Nutrition Security" To that end, it was also proposed to prepare a 1 pager to explain the differences concerning this issue. An alternative proposal was to include a decision which will begin the resolution of these concepts so as not to lead the discussion of the document astray. The process will be confirmed by the Secretariat before the October Plenary.

## **2. Proposal for enhancing Corporate Private Sector participation in the CFS – updates**

Morgane Danielou (Agri-Food Network) provided an update on Private Sector activities planned for CFS37. The Private Sector organized 3 Side Events and a lunch on *Developing Investment* on Wednesday 19 October. 43 representatives will be part of the Private Sector Delegation. Spokespersons will be appointed for each Roundtable.

It was confirmed that a new draft of the Private Sector Consultative Mechanism paper, including the comments provided during the last Bureau meeting, will be circulated soon.

## **3. Regional consultation in the Near East**

The Secretariat confirmed that the Near East Regional Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition will be held in Cairo on 3-4 October 2011. The participant list includes also Bureau

Members from North Africa and the Near East as well as the Chair of the Near East Regional Group. The CSM Secretariat will provide in the following days the names of their representatives who will be participating in the session. There was a suggestion for a session to discuss the process of the Voluntary Guidelines and the VG Secretariat was asked to attend the Workshop in order to provide an update on the status of the negotiation on the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure.

#### **4. Updates:**

##### **a. Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure**

Babette Wehrmann (VG Secretariat) announced that the updated version of the VG on Land Tenure has been posted on the Perm Reps Web Site as well on the NR Land Tenure Page and the CFS Working Space. The translated version will be circulated by 12 September.

It was agreed that the sections already approved will not be discussed again. During the negotiations, the technical secretariat will intervene only when technical advice will be requested by the Chair.

The Chair of the Open Ended Working Group will circulate soon a note outlining the process and work methodologies that will be followed during the next round of negotiations that will be held from 10 to 14 October 2011.

##### **b. GSF consultation**

A number of individual contributions have been received so far through the online consultation that will continue until 16 October. It was also confirmed that the inputs and outcomes coming from parallel consultations such as those being conducted by the CSM, SCN, and the private sector will be integrated in the final document. It was recognized that all individual NGO/CSOs, individuals from those organizations and networks, and the CSM itself should be encouraged to contribute. However, the contribution of CSM should be recognized when they submit common positions on issues drawing upon their network.

Comments were made on the decision box and the Secretariat was asked to produce a revised version for approval by the Bureau.

#### **5. Side Events**

An update on the status of the organization and the schedule of the Side Events at CFS37 was provided. The Side Events schedule will be updated regularly on the CFS Working Space.

## **6. Call for updates for CFS Calendar of FSN events and organizations**

The Members were invited to announce other initiatives to be included in the CFS Calendar for Food Security and Nutrition events and organizations. The updated version will be presented in October 2011.

Given the criteria used to select the initiatives for the calendar, it was stated that also private sector global or regional initiatives related to Food Security and Nutrition could be included there.

## **7. Any other business**

### **- Update on the HLPE process**

Vincent Gitz (HLPE Secretariat) announced that the deadline to submit the candidatures to be part of the Project Teams for the studies on Climate Change and Social Protection is 16 September. Electronic consultation on the terms of reference of the study on social protection, to execute the request from the CFS, is currently ongoing and contributions are welcome until 10 September.

It was also confirmed that there is an expected budgetary gap on the order of magnitude of 400.000 USD for the HLPE activities planned for the 12 months to come to execute the mandate received from the CFS. The issue will be dealt under the working group on PWB of the CFS.

The date for the launch of the two HLPE reports on *Price Volatility and Food Security* and *Land Tenure and international investment in agriculture* was discussed. It was requested that the launch of the HLPE reports be held during the 37th Plenary Session. In this regard, the HLPE Secretariat was asked to present different options to the Bureau for decision at the meeting Sept. 2nd.

### **- Press statements and interviews during CFS37**

Regarding press statements, the Chair noted that while all CFS participants are free to make press statements, they should make it clear that they are talking about their individual/organization positions and are not speaking on behalf of CSF.

## **List of attendees:**

### **CFS Bureau**

CFS Chair: Mr Noel De Luna; Mr Travis Power (Australia); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Mr Marc Heirman (Belgium); Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Mr Hideya Yamada (Japan); Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); Mr Oleg Kobiakov (Russian Federation); Mr Franklin Moore (USA).

### **CFS Advisory Group**

Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Mr Jean-Philippe Audinet (IFAD); Mr Mohamed El-Kouhene (WFP); Ms Marlen Schnepbach (UN HLTF); Ms Florence Lasbennes (UN HTLF); Ms Maria Pizzini (UN SCN); Mr Antonio

Onorati (IPC); Mr Andrea Ferrante (Via Campesina – ROPPA); Ms Natalia Landivar (FIAN); Mr Thierry Kesteloot (Oxfam); Mr Luca Chinotti (Oxfam); Mr Chris Leather (CSM Secretariat); Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah (Bioversity); Ms Morgane Danielou (IAFN).

**Silent Observers**

Ms Adair Heuchan (Canada); Mr Brad Paterson (Canada); Mr Egill Boccanera (Denmark); Ms Suvi Turja (Finland); Mr Alain Derevier (France); Ms Marie-Caroline Dodé (France); Ms Swantje Nilsson (Germany); Ms Gerda Verburg (Netherlands); Ms Magdalena Kropiwnicka (Poland); Mr Elias Guia (Spain); Ms Christina Grieper (Switzerland); Mr Jinal Shah (United Kingdom); Ms Nora McKeon.

**CFS Secretariat**

Mr Kostas Stamoulis; Mr Mark McGuire; Mr Ram Saravanamuttu; Ms Chiara Cirulli; Ms Cordelia Salter; Mr Julian Thomas; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Ms Amira Muammar; Mr Vincent Gitz; Mr Patrick McNellis; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr George Rapsomanikis; Mr Pascal Liu; Ms Babette Wehrmann.