



## **CHAIR'S SUMMARY**

### **JOINT BUREAU AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**14 December 2010 – 11.00 - 13.00 – Lebanon Room**

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

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Overview of the CFS 36 outcomes and requests to the HLPE
2. Update on budgetary matters for the HLPE
3. Progress of the HLPE process, work program and modalities

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#### **1. Overview of the CFS 36 outcomes and requests to the HLPE**

The CFS Chair provided a brief overview of the outcomes of the CFS 36, including plans for follow-up via Bureau-led working groups on specific topics as well as highlighting the various topics recommended by the CFS for consideration by the HLPE-StC.

#### **2. Update on budgetary matters for the HLPE**

The Chair of the Steering Committee affirmed that the mandate given to the HLPE by the Bureau is challenging and that the quality of the studies to be realized will depend on the level of the contributions to the HLPE Trust Fund. In this regard, the Secretariat was asked to provide information on the situation of contributions and commitments. It was noted that a letter was sent to potential donors to seek additional contributions to the HLPE funds, co-signed by the CFS Chair and the Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee.

In addition to the contributions made by France and the European Commission, Spain and Switzerland have made pledges, for 400.000 USD. (CFS and HLPE) and 200.000 CHF (HLPE), respectively. Other

Bureau Members expressed interest and will continue dialogue with their respective capitals on this matter.

The members of the Steering Committee highlighted that the approach to the studies requested by the CFS presents multidimensional problems and that the high expectation on the quality of the reports and the limited time available determine a high pressure on the work of the HLPE. A crucial role will be played by the experts that will be selected to provide the studies. In this regard, the budget expected for the work of each study's Project Team, as compared with the hypothesis presented at CFS 36, will have to be revised in order to guarantee effective and appropriate support to Project Teams..

The CFS Chair expressed his optimism regarding future financial assistance to the work of the HLPE and underlined that, depending on financial resources available, another joint meeting between the Bureau and the Steering Committee could be held during the first semester of 2011.

### **3. Progress of the HLPE process, work program and modalities**

Considering the time frame and funds available, the Steering Committee suggested to begin immediately with two studies to be undertaken during 2011 to guarantee high quality reports; including, the studies on Price Volatility, and, Land Tenure and International Investment in Agriculture. Two Steering Committee Oversight Groups were formed to facilitate this process and the Coordinators of the two group made a brief presentation regarding the approach to be taken.

#### **a) Price Volatility**

The main objective of the study on price volatility will be to present policy options that reduce risk and build resilience at all levels. The approach will include circulating a draft document for electronic discussion over a two-week period at the end of January 2011 to provide an opportunity to receive important contributions by a wide range of interested actors, included experts in the HLPE Roster, before further proceeding by the Steering Committee Oversight Group. Some concerns were expressed on the nature of the inputs than could come up from an open internet consultation. The Steering Committee guaranteed that this consultation process will be only at the earliest stage of the process and that all the inputs received will be carefully reviewed by the HLPE. The Steering Committee Oversight Group, composed of Sheryl Lee Hendriks, Alain de Janvry, Derek Byerlee, Renato Maluf and Carlos Perez del Castillo, will be responsible for the preparation of the final Terms of Reference for the study on Price Volatility.

It was also noted that FAO and OECD are coordinating the efforts of several international organizations such as IFAD, IMF, UNCTAD, WFP, the World Bank and WTO to develop options for G20 consideration on how to better mitigate the risks associated with the price volatility of food and other commodities. The first draft of this document will be sent to the HLPE to provide comments that will be subsequently discussed during a workshop near the end of February or early March. These two efforts, yet independent, will be inform each other to maximize their .

#### **b) Land tenure and International Investment in Agriculture**

The report on Land Tenure will start from considerations on land-use and natural resources and local options, trends and agricultural and rural development and poverty reduction, the role of public and private sectors, and derive options to promote and recommendations.

The Project Team to be appointed will be supervised by a Steering Committee Oversight Group comprised of Rudy Rabbinge, Huajun Tang, Maryam Rahmanian and Mona Mehrez Aly. A similar methodology as described above for the study on Price Volatility will be used for this study.

The HLPE will also note any relevant points that may emerge from their work that may be considered in the development of the Global Strategic Framework process.

List of attendees:

**CFS Bureau**

Chair: Mr Noel De Luna; Ms Karima Boubekeur (Algeria) ; Mr Travis Power (Australia) ; Mr Hugo Verbist (Belgium) ; Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Ms Fatma Hussein Saber (Egypt) ; Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan) ; Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh (Jordan); Mr Azman Mohd Saad (Malaysia) ; Mr Valdimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation).

**Silent Observers**

Ms Claudia Fumo (European Union); Ms Maria Larrea Lorient (European Union); Ms Mariana Santarelli (European Union); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Ms Swantje Nilsson (Germany); Mr Elías José Guía López (Spain); Ms Jacqueline Birrer (Switzerland); Ms Jinal Shah (United Kingdom).

**Steering Committee**

Chair: Prof. Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan; Ms Maryam Rahmanian; Ms Sheryl Lee Hendriks; Mr Alain de Janvry; Mr Renato Maluf; Ms Mona Mehrez Aly; Mr Carlos Perez del Castillo; Mr Roelof Rabbinge; Mr Huajun Tang; Ms Niracha Wongchinda.

**CFS Secretariat**

Mr Kostas Stamoulis; Mr Mark McGuire; Mr Vincent Gitz; Ms Cordelia Salter; Mr Ram Saravanamuttu; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr Thomas Price; Ms Nora McKeon.