



## **Meeting of the Working Group for the Preparation of the Global Strategic Framework (GSF)**

**24 February 2011 – 15.00 – 18.00 – German Room**

The Chair of the Working Group for the preparation of the Global Strategic Framework on Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) presented the analysis of the results of the electronic consultation on the purpose, the principles and the structure of the GSF.

The Secretariat received 37 submissions from all CFS constituencies and prepared a quantitative analysis, outlining the number of responses for each question. A qualitative review was also compiled containing all the comments received for each question of the survey. The quantitative analysis and the compilation served as the basis for the Chair to set out the main points of convergence and divergence on the different topics as well as a clear way forward. Both documents, all well as the presentation made by the Chair, are available in the CFS Working Space.

The working group agreed on a set of basic lessons to be extracted from the responses, including: (i) that the GSF would not entail the creation of new bureaucracies and mechanisms; (ii) that, after its initial approval, the GSF would leverage regular CFS mechanisms, being a deliverable of the CFS; (iii) that to promote convergence the GSF would not reinvent the wheel, but select and prioritize among existing lessons and policy recommendations; (iv) that in so doing, the GSF would be made and updated with broad participation and be based on field knowledge and country-level experiences and stocktaking, including by leveraging the work of the HLPE and field experiences of governments and other CFS stakeholders; (v) that the GSF would be a living, flexible document, able to address stakeholders at all levels; (vi) that this flexibility means that the GSF would be received by stakeholders according to their specific circumstances; (vii) that it wouldn't be prescriptive, instead highlight differing views when there is no consensus.

In view of those lessons, the working group agreed that the GSF could not be a binding instrument due to the necessary flexibility of its approach, but that its endorsement by the CFS would nonetheless reflect a commitment of Member Countries and other stakeholders to its goals.

Based on the responses and the comments received from the survey, the Chair presented a "Proposal for Agreement on GSF" containing proposals on the purposes, basic principles, structure and process that should be followed for the creation of the GSF, reflecting the main lessons that the working group agreed could be extracted from the response to the survey.

The working group further discussed the proposal and agreed to a number of revisions and modifications. The working group also agreed that the revised proposal would be sent to CFS Members and Participants for consultation and sharing with their respective constituencies, and that any further comments should be submitted electronically.

The revised proposal, annexed to these minutes, will be submitted to the attention of the Bureau for its approval at the next meeting that will take place on Friday 18 March 2011.