



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY
Thirty-Seventh Session
Rome, 17th – 22nd October 2011
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AGENDA NOTES

1. The Thirty-seventh Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will open at 14.30 hours on Monday, 17 October 2011, at FAO headquarters. Provision has been made for the Session to continue until 13.00 hours on Saturday, 22 October 2011 for the approval of the final report.

I ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- a) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable
- b) Membership of the Committee
- c) Drafting Committee composition

II SETTING THE STAGE FOR CFS 37

- a) Webcast opening statement by the UN Secretary General
- b) Statements by the heads of FAO, WFP and IFAD & Chair High-Level Panel of Experts
- c) Highlights of the SOFI 2011: Presentation by ADG ES H. Ghanem.

III VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF LAND TENURE AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

2. Following the continuation of an inclusive process, approved by the CFS Bureau, to develop Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Other Natural Resources, the CFS will be invited to adopt a final version of the Voluntary Guidelines.

IV. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

3. This agenda item is intended to provide a platform for discussion and coordination to strengthen collaborative actions at the global and regional level amongst a wide variety of stakeholders. These include governments, regional organizations, international organizations and agencies, NGOs, CSOs, food producers' organizations, private sector organizations and philanthropic organizations.

4. With this mandate in mind, an update of major global and regional food security initiatives will be presented.

5. The presentation on global and regional developments relevant to food security and nutrition will be followed by an open discussion.

V POLICY ROUNDTABLES

6. This session aims to support the Committee's role to promote greater policy convergence and coordination. This includes the development of international strategies and voluntary guidelines on food security and nutrition on the basis of best practices, lessons learned from local experience, inputs received from the national and regional levels, and expert advice and opinions from different stakeholders.

7. The objective of the policy round tables is to arrive at recommendations, which will be shared by a rapporteur for approval in Plenary.

8. Based on a common framework, the session will consist of two roundtables, held in parallel, focusing on the food security policy issues of: i) Food price volatility; and ii) Land tenure and international investment in agriculture.

(i) Food Price Volatility

9. The policy roundtable on price volatility will feature three presentations:

- a) A report from the FAO sub-regional workshops on the response to price volatility;
- b) The outcomes of the G-20 summit in relation to price volatility;
- c) The High-level Panel of Experts Report on Price Volatility.

10. The presentations will be followed by a discussion among participants, with a view to the formulation of actionable recommendations for approval in Plenary.

(ii) Land Tenure

11. The policy roundtable on land tenure and investment in agriculture policy will feature two items:

- a) A status report on the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture (RAI);
- b) The High-Level Panel of Experts report on Land Tenure.

12. The presentations will be followed by a discussion among participants, with a view to the formulation of actionable recommendations for approval in Plenary.

VI. GLOBAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PROCESSES

16. In this session the Committee's global role to strengthen collaborative action, improve coordination and guide synchronized action among a wide ranging stakeholders will be addressed.

17. This session will also address the Committee's role to support and advise countries and regions in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their nationally-owned plans of action to ensure food security and nutrition.

18. The Committee will:

- a. Be advised of progress made in establishing a Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition that will build upon existing frameworks to enable CFS to better perform its role to improve coordination and guide synchronised action by a wide range of stakeholders.
- b. Be updated on the outcome of the technical consultative workshop with concerned stakeholders on existing systems, tools and practices related to Mapping Food Security and Nutrition Actions at Country Level. Specific country case studies will also be presented.

VII. OTHER FOOD SECURITY ISSUES

13. This session will consist of two or three policy roundtables held in parallel chosen from the following proposed issues:

1. Bio-technology
2. Nutrition
3. Trade
4. Women in agriculture

14. The examination of each topic will proceed through presentations on the topic from a group of panellists, followed by an open discussion. The objective of the roundtables is to arrive at recommendations for future actions by the Committee, including matters for the attention of the High-Level Panel of Experts.

15. A summary of the recommendations of the policy roundtables will be shared by a rapporteur for discussion and approval in Plenary.

VIII. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CFS REFORM

19. In this session the Committee will:

- a. Consider, with a view to approval, the revised CFS Rules of Procedure, based on the CFS reform document
- b. Consider proposals with regard to the rotation of the Secretary of the CFS

IX. OTHER MATTERS

19. In this session, the Committee will:

- a. Examine arrangements for the thirty-eighth CFS Plenary session
- b. Elect the Chair of the CFS, and agree to the new composition of the CFS Bureau for the 2012-2013 biennium

X. REPORT OF THE SESSION

19. The adoption of the Report of the Session.