



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. Provisions have been made for the Session to continue until 13.00 hours on Saturday, 22 October.

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 (to be confirmed)
- b) Statements by the heads of FAO, WFP and IFAD, Chair High-Level Panel of Experts Steering Committee, World Bank (tbc)
- 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. CFS will be invited to adopt the final version of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Other Natural Resources. The guidelines were arrived at following an inclusive process, approved by the CFS Bureau.

IV. UPDATES ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND LINKAGES WITH CFS

3. This agenda item is intended to provide a platform for discussion to strengthen coordination and collaborative actions at the global and regional level amongst a wide variety of stakeholders.

4. Representatives of major global and regional food security initiatives will provide a brief background on their initiative, update the Committee on latest developments and highlight linkages with CFS. Following the presentations there will be an open discussion. The global section will include such initiatives as G20/ L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), The Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN), The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), The High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis (HLTF), Right to Food, Food Aid Convention (FAC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The regional section will include such initiatives such as The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), The Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and The Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative.

V POLICY ROUND TABLES

5. 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.

6. The objective of the Policy Round Tables is to arrive at concrete recommendations for consideration by the Committee. Invited panellists will present their perspectives on the topic, followed by an open discussion with a view to the formulation of actionable recommendations for approval. Key findings and recommendations from each policy round table will be presented by a Rapporteur in Plenary.

7. The session will consist of three roundtables, two of which will be held in parallel, focusing on food security policy issues:

- (i) Food Price Volatility
- (ii) How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive Investment in Agriculture (Parallel)
- (iii) Gender, Food Security and Nutrition (Parallel)

8. The session document for each Policy Round Table will refer to relevant background material including, but not restricted to:

- (i) Food Price Volatility:
 - a) The High Level Panel of Experts Report on Price Volatility
 - b) A report from the FAO sub-regional workshops on the response to price volatility
 - c) The outcome of the G-20 process in relation to price volatility.
- (ii) How to Increase Food Security and Smallholder-Sensitive Investment in Agriculture
 - a) The High-Level Panel of Experts Report on Land Tenure and International Investment in Agriculture
 - b) A status report on the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture (RAI).
- (iii) Gender, Food Security and Nutrition
 - a) The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) report on gender
 - b) The World Bank World Development Report
 - c) A report from the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN).

VI. GLOBAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROCESSES

9. In this session the Committee will address ways to strengthen collaborative action, improve coordination and guide synchronized action among a wide ranging group of stakeholders.

10. The Committee will:

- a. Be updated on the process to map food security actions at country level including the outcome of the technical consultative workshop with concerned stakeholders and a review of existing systems, tools and practices

- b. Be presented with specific country case studies highlighting experiences of mapping food security and nutrition actions
- c. Be advised of progress made in putting together 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
- d. Be updated on the outcome of the round table held to review the methods to estimate the number of hungry.

VII. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CFS REFORM

- 11. 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 a results based framework for CFS presented by the CFS Secretariat.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

- 12. In this session, the Committee will:
 - a. Be updated on the implementation of decisions taken by CFS
 - b. Examine arrangements for the thirty-eighth CFS Plenary session
 - c. Elect the Chair of the CFS, and agree to the new composition of the CFS Bureau for the 2012-2013 biennium.

IX. REPORT OF THE SESSION

- 13. The adoption of the Report of the Session.