

**Chairman's Summary of the WG meeting on
Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition
25 November 2011, 9.30-12.30, FAO Philippines room**

1. The Working Group of the CFS on the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition met on November 25 with the main goal to agree on a set of guidelines and example Table of Contents to guide the work of the Secretariat and the Task Team in preparation of the First Draft of the GSF in time for the regional consultations envisaged in 2012.
2. A summary of the outcomes of the electronic consultation on the GSF and of the parallel SCN consultation on the GSF were provided by the moderator of the electronic consultations, Mr. Francisco Sarmiento, and by the SCN.
3. The WG coordinator outlined the content and purpose of the document "Guidelines for the preparation of the GSF First Draft" that had been circulated before the meeting.
4. It was agreed that the document, including the example Table of Contents in annex, provided a sound basis to proceed with the drafting.
5. The WG especially emphasized the guiding principles for drafting and selection of content present in the document, including the fact that the first draft should do the utmost to bring together existing international agreements and consensus, leveraging the CFS's own decisions and other existing international frameworks and guidelines.
6. The WG agreed that the first version of the GSF should also reflect issues and areas where further convergence is necessary, highlighting them for future work. The WG agreed, however, that this should be done without specific indication of ways and dates for dealing with those issues, since the GSF is not a work programme for the CFS.
7. The WG agreed with the view that the above guiding principles should contribute to streamline the later stages of negotiation leading to the adoption in the 38th Session of the CFS, by minimizing the need to negotiate text on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis.
8. The WG agreed that close coordination and linkages should be maintained between the GSF and the Programme of Work and Budget of the CFS.
9. While central issues such as gender, nutrition and rights-based approaches may be specifically highlighted, they should also be mainstreamed in the GSF
10. Specific suggestions were made on the restructuring of the ToC in order to make it more user friendly and strategic. The Five Rome Principles should be kept as a framework, but not as the base structure.
11. A number of suggestions on the content of the GSF were also made and noted by the Secretariat for consideration during the drafting stages.
12. Finally, it was agreed that the drafting, to be done by the CFS Secretariat, with the support of the task team on the GSF, should start immediately in order to allow for the best possible document in time for use during the regional consultations. The WG strongly advised the Secretariat and task team to work collaboratively and dynamically.

NEXT STEPS:

As a result of the WG meeting, the “Guidelines for the preparation of the GSF First Draft and Example Table of Contents” (see annex) were updated to reflect the suggestions and agreements. The revised document will serve to inform the drafting process in the next stage.

According to the process for the elaboration of the GSF, approved by the Bureau, the next step will be the preparation of the first draft of the GSF by the CFS Secretariat and the GSF task team, composed of members of the CFS Advisory Group or their appointed representatives, in observation of the guidelines.

The Secretariat informed that the zero draft will be made available as soon as possible to the task team for comments with a view to its finalization in English before the end of the year. The document will then be translated to be made available for discussion at the regional consultations to be held alongside FAO Regional Conferences which start early in 2012.

The WG agreed that, in case the African Regional Conference is postponed, additional time could be given to the Secretariat and Task Team for the draft.

A second draft of the GSF, based on the results of the regional consultations, will then be considered by an open-ended working group of the CFS, open to all CFS Members and Participants, with a view to finalize the text for submission to the 38th Session of the CFS.