

Minutes of the CSM GSF Working group

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1. On the basis of information obtained from the Secretariat of the CFS and of the analysis of the document on the GSF to be submitted to the CFS plenary, the group identified that:
 - a. The CFS secretariat proposes that the initial version of Draft 1 of the GSF should be elaborated by the CFS Secretariat and the facilitators of the CFS online consultation, without the involvement of the CFS GSF Task Team, which includes members of the civil society, as originally agreed.
 - i. This poses the risk that the initial version might not adequately reflect the contributions of CSO members of the CSM, as was the case of other documents produced by the CFS secretariat in 2011.
 - b. The document and the decision box submitted by the Secretariat/Bureau to the CFS plenary, does not reflect previous agreements reached between the AG and the Bureau, and already decided upon by the Bureau, among them, that:
 - i. The CFS authorizes the Task Team to produce Draft 1 and 2 of the GSF, and facilitates the consultation process until the submission to the CFS Open Ended Working Group (OEWG), in July 2012;
 - ii. Draft 2 of the GSF should be negotiated by an OEWG in mid 2012;
 - iii. The first version of the GSF should be submitted to the 38th Session of the CFS, in October 2012.
 - c. The regional FAO Conferences will discuss the GSF document, but up to now there is no guarantee of the funds necessary for that, especially for the participation of civil society/social movements in the process.
2. The group, on the basis of discussion of the above issues, proposed:
 - a. To concentrate its intervention during the discussion of the GSF process in the plenary on two issues, which should be object of two different interventions:
 - i. A strong reaffirmation of the central role of the GSF in the FAO reform and of the CSM to guarantee a qualified and balanced participation of civil society/social movements in the discussion, guaranteeing that the voices of the

- most affected by food insecurity are fully represented and heard. (see annex 1: CSO position on the Global Strategic Framework)
- ii. A proposal for a new text of the decision box reintroducing the commitment to delegate the elaboration of Draft 1 and 2 to the Task team, with the participation of CSM members, from the first moment; the negotiation of the GSF text in an OEWG next July, and the submission of the first version to the 38th Session of the CFS, in October 2012. (see annex 2: CSO statement on the GSF elaboration process)
- b. There could be additional interventions to clarify CSM facilitated position, if needed.
3. The working group will lobby the different governmental delegations in the attempt to guarantee the approval of the changes in the decision box. Special attention should be given to the following delegations:
 - a. Brazil, GRULAC, ALBA countries; Africa, with special attention to Egypt, South Africa, Mauritius and Lusophone countries; EC . Netherlands; Norway; China; India; USA and Canada. The specific follow up will be discussed during the week of the CFS.
 4. Further discussion was carried out on the next steps on the GSF process, (see annex 3: workplan and timeline approved in April by CFS Bureau, and agreed with Advisory Group) and the following agreements were reached:
 - a. Elaboration of Draft 1 by the Task Team until January 2012;
 - i. The facilitators of the working group will request additional comments by the members of the working group and of the CSM as a whole on the working document produced on the basis of the CSM autonomous consultation, which is available in three languages (English, Spanish, and French)
 1. The deadline for the contributions was defined for November 15th, 2011.
 - ii. The contributions will be consolidated until the end of November.
 - iii. A face to face meeting with a smaller working group to be more directly involved in supporting the drafting process of the GSF, within the CFS Task Team, will be organized around the time of the presentation of the first draft of the document to be produced for the RTF Unit of FAO on the GSF. (End of November, beginning of December)
 1. This group will work on the basis of the revised Civil Society document, and take on board possible contributions coming out of the other initiatives.
 - iv. The members of the CSM GSF working group, participating in the Task Team, will consult with the Working Group during the drafting process until January 2012.
 - b. Consultation on Draft 1 of GSF in the FAO regional conferences.
 - i. The CSM GSF working group will have to facilitate the national and regional civil society preparation for the discussion of the GSF draft in the regional

- FAO conferences, to take place from February to April 2012. (see annex 3: timeline)
- ii. The discussion of the GSF must be coordinated with the possible discussion of other relevant themes, such as the Land Tenure guidelines, RAI, etc. and the organizations should see how to nationalize the discussion of the GSF in their countries.
- c. Elaboration of Draft 2 of GSF, May and June 2012.
- i. The working group will have to support its members participating in the elaboration of Draft 2, within the Task Team.
- d. Lobbying will be fundamental in the preparation for the July OEWG discussion, including the need for mobilization at national and regional level, as well as defining the CSM delegation in the OEWG.

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Annex 1: CSO position on the Global Strategic Framework

Introduction (Value of the GSF)

Civil society organizations and social movements concur that the Global Strategic Framework (GSF) is the heart of the reformed Committee on Food Security and its development is a critical step towards the achievement of a new paradigm on global food, agriculture and nutrition governance, enshrined on more democratic and coherent policies and coordinated responses which hold human rights, dignity and respect for peoples' sovereignty and participation at its foundation.

The GSF is meant to “improve coordination and guide synchronized action by a wide range of stakeholders” (CFS2009/2Rev.2 II.6.iii) under the intergovernmental coordination of the CFS. This week, critical discussions on key issues such as price volatility, investment in agriculture and, gender, food security and nutrition have taken place and decisions will be taken by this Committee. The GSF offers the opportunity to showcase this consensus and coordinate appropriate responses. Such a framework will support governments to fulfil their obligations for the realisation of the Human Right to Food.

The CFS is the foremost, inclusive intergovernmental forum for discussion and policy coherence. To ensure the CFS reaches its potential, the GSF must remain a flexible living document which captures not only current policy consensus but identifies key emerging policy areas in food security and nutrition.

CSO Parallel Consultation Process

Recognising the value of the GSF, civil society organizations have participated in the CFS-led online consultation. However there were concerns that the methodologies adopted were not sufficient since they:

- did not recognize the important role of the CSM in facilitating the autonomous participation of CSO/NGOs in such an important process, and
- did not take into account the need to guarantee an equitable participation of those most affected by the food insecurity in the world who are less likely to have access to the internet.

Consequently, the Civil Society Working Group on the GSF, facilitated through the CSM, is undertaking an ongoing autonomous consultation through which a working document has been

developed. The document outlines the importance of the GSF and articulates various civil society positions related to food security and nutrition.

We encourage governments to strengthen their efforts to promote a participatory, transparent, and inclusive process to build a GSF that will enable you to end world hunger and malnutrition.

Annex 2: CSO statement on the GSF elaboration process

1. Social movements and civil society organizations involved in the building and consolidation of the Civil Society Mechanism for the CFS welcome the CFS reform and the very positive preliminary results of the growing role of the CFS as the multilateral and intergovernmental governance space of food security and nutrition. The ongoing intense and positive discussions on the Guidelines on Responsible Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests, and on the relevant themes of the policy round tables, show that the reform has enabled governments to better inform their decisions on the basis of the engagement with civil society participants and inputs of other social actors.
2. We strongly support the vision that the GSF should be built upon the policy decisions reached in the ongoing discussion processes. At the same time, the GSF should provide the frame and guidance within which these decisions could be coordinated and harmonized at international, regional and national levels, while identifying new challenges to be addressed.
3. Civil society would like to commend the efforts of the CFS Bureau, in collaboration with the AG, and with the support of the CFS secretariat, towards the elaboration of the Global Strategic Framework, along the lines of the decision taken at the 36th session of the CFS.
4. We reaffirm the commitment of civil society organizations to engage in the work of the CFS Task Team, charged with elaborating Draft 1 and 2 of the GSF, on the basis of the proposed broad consultation process, with special attention to the face-to-face consultations foreseen to take place in the regional FAO conferences, in early 2012.
5. In relation to that, we call on governments to mobilize the necessary resources to guarantee the participation of civil society representatives in these regional consultations, with special attention to the food producers, and other groups affected by food insecurity. The discussion and elaboration of the GSF cannot be based alone on inputs provided through electronic consultation processes, which tend to limit the participation of these sectors.
6. Finally, we would like to invite all governments to proactively engage with the civil society organizations and social movements at the national level, with special attention to those most affected by hunger and food insecurity, in the preparation of the discussion to take place in the regional conferences.

Annex 3:

STEP		TIMEFRAME/DEADLINE
0	Consultation on GSF purposes, principles and structure	January 31 st , 2011 — deadline for answers to the Electronic Consultation. Working group meetings in February.
1	Find agreement on GSF purposes, basic principles and structure, taking into account existing frameworks.	March, 31 st , 2011 – Agreement reached in CFS working group and endorsed by CFS Bureau.
2	Development of GSF Annotated Outline by task team of Secretariat/AG with inputs by HLPE StC.	March 31 st — May, 31 st 2011
3	Translation of GSF Annotated Outline in all FAO languages	May 31 st — July 15 th , 2011
4	Extended and inclusive electronic consultation process is opened which should involve the broad constituencies of the CFS at national, regional and global levels. Led by CFS Secretariat with support of AG.	Start July, 15 st , 2011, deadline October, 16, 2011
5	Presentation to the CFS Plenary of the state of GSF elaboration, including the GSF Annotated Outline and results of ongoing electronic consultations. Conclusions are noted, including any specific recommendation.	37 th Session of the CFS, 17-21 th October 2011

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Development of GSF Draft One by task team of Secretariat/AG, with inputs by HLPE StC, taking into account CFS decisions and recommendations from HLPE reports to the CFS when appropriate.

November 21st 2011 — Deadline
December 21st, 2012

7	Translation of CFS Draft One in all FAO languages	Deadline January 15th, 2012
8	Consultation on GSF Draft One in all Regional Conferences	Africa Regional Conference January 30 th – February 3 rd
		Near East Regional Conference February 26 th — March 1 st 2012
		Asia Pacific Regional Conference March 12 th – 16 th
		Latin America and Caribbean Regional Conference March 26 th - 30 th
		Europe Regional Conference April 16-20 th
9	Submission of the GSF Draft One for electronic review	<p style="text-align: right;">- One day Rome briefing to Member States and stakeholders</p> <p>February 1st to April 20th</p>
		<p style="text-align: right;">- E-consultation on dedicated website, also supporting consultations taking place in Regional Conferences</p>
10	Production of an informed GSF Draft Two in all FAO languages by CFS Secretariat.	April 21 st – June 14 th 2012
11	Revision of GSF Draft Two in an intergovernmental CFS open ended working group	<p>June 14th Submission of the Draft Two GSF to the CFS open-ended working group – Briefing in Rome.</p>
		<p>June 14th – July 12th – Regional and stakeholder reviews</p>
		<p>July 12 – 14th CFS led plenary review and finalization of GSF text</p>

12	GSF Final Draft finalization and translation in all FAO languages	July 15 th – 31 st 2012
13	Submission of the GSF Final Draft in all FAO languages for the consideration of the 37th session of CFS.	July 31 st 2012
14	Approval of the First version of the GSF by the 38 th Session of the CFS	October 2012