



**DRAFT PROGRAMME
ANNUAL CIVIL SOCIETY MECHANISM FORUM
OCTOBER 14 – 16, 2011
IFAD, ROME, ITALY**

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To provide a space for civil society to work together and prepare to participate in, and influence effectively, the 37th Session and the on-going work programme of the CFS in 2011/12.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To develop, as much as possible, common policy positions and lobbying strategies on key CFS policy issues for the 37th Session of the CFS
- To review the functioning of the CSM during 2010/11 and learn lessons to improve functioning in the future
- To develop our understanding of the role, organising principles and functioning of the CSM
- To agree on tenure of CSM Coordination Committee members
- To select new members of the CFS Advisory Group
- To identify key policy issues and develop CSM action plans for 2011/12 at global, regional and national levels

DAY 1: 15 OCTOBER, 2011

IFAD

8.00 - 9.00 **Registration Opens at IFAD**

9.00 - 10.00 **I. Plenary: Opening Session**

- Welcome by the CSM Coordination Committee
- Welcome by IFAD and CFS Chair
- Introduction to the agenda of CFS 37 & side events, Presentation and agreement of the Forum Programme & methodology

10.00 - 11.00 **II. Development and Challenges of the Civil Society Mechanism within the CFS (Plenary)**

Objectives: Presentation¹ of CSM (role, principles, ways of working etc.); Overview of activities of CSM in 2010/11; achievements & challenges; Advisory Group selection process²

¹ By the Civil society member of CFS Advisory Group: George Dixon Fernandez, Natalia Landivar, Mamadou Cissokho. NB. The 4th AG member, Beatriz Gasco Verdier, is unable to attend the Forum. Natalia Landivar replaced Chris Leather from 1st July until the selection of new AG members in this Forum

² Nominations for participation in the CFS Advisory Group will be received by the current AG members during Day 1 and presented at beginning of Day 2

- 11.00 -11.30 *Tea Break*
- 11.30 – 12.30 **III. Achievements and Challenges of the CSM Working Groups in Relation to CFS Policy Issues (Plenary)**
Objectives: Background on the *processes* in the CFS and the CSM *processes* for facilitating civil society participation
 1: Voluntary Guideline for the Responsible Governance of Tenure on Land, Forest and Fisheries
 2: Agricultural Investment
 3: Gender, Food Security and Nutrition
 4: Food Price Volatility
 5: Global Strategic Framework
 6: Food security & nutrition in protracted crises
- 12.30 – 13.30 **IV. Preparation of Policy Messages for CFS 37 (Parallel Working Groups)**
Objectives: Identification of controversial issues; CSO desired outcomes of CFS and CSO policy messages; Identify spokespersons; Agree lobby strategies & ways of working during CFS.
 1: Agricultural Investment
 2: Gender, Food Security and Nutrition
 3: Food Price Volatility
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 Global Strategic Framework (discussion group)
- 13.30 - 14.30 *Lunch*
- 14.30 – 16.30 **V. Preparation of Policy Messages for CFS 37 (Parallel Working Groups Cont'd.)**
- 16:30 – 17:00 *Tea Break*
- 17.00 – 19.00 **VI. Lessons learnt and planning of regional & national level activities in 2011/12 (short Plenary followed by Working Groups)**
Objectives: Lessons learnt from CSO activities at national & regional levels in 2010/11; Presentation of CFS related process / activities at regional level in 2011/12; Planning of national & regional activities during 2011/12

DAY 2: 16 OCTOBER, 2011
IFAD

- 8.30 – 9.00 **VII. Announcement of candidates for CFS Advisory Group**
- 9.00 - 10.00 **VIII. Preparation of Policy Messages for CFS 37 (Parallel Working Groups Cont'd.)**
- 10.00 - 11.00 **IX. Presentation of the results of the Working Groups (Plenary)**
Objectives: Endorsement of messaging; Addressing outstanding issues; Ensuring coherence on cross cutting issues; Agreeing strategies & ways of working during the CFS.
- 11.00 - 11.30 *Tea Break*
- 11.30 – 12.30 **X. Presentation of the results of the Working Groups (Plenary Cont'd)**
- 12.30 – 13.30 **XI. Functioning of the CSM: Lessons Learned from 2010/11 and Action Points (Plenary)**
Objectives: To identify lessons learned about CSM roles, political mandate, structures, way of working etc and identify action points for enhancing functioning
- 13.30 - 14.30 *Lunch*
- 14.30 – 15.30 **XII. Functioning of the CSM (parallel Working Groups)**
Objectives:
To discuss the role of NGOs in the CSM, in relation to other CSOs/constituencies (Plenary);
To discuss the roles of CC, AG members and Secretariat
To develop selection processes to fill gaps in the Coordination Committee (Discussion group)
- 15.30 – 16.30 **XIII. Functioning of the CSM: Tenure of Coordination Committee Members & Selection of CFS Advisory Group Members (Plenary)**
Objectives: Extension of tenure of CC members for 2 years; Selection of new members of the CFS Advisory Group from and by the Coordination Committee
- 16.30 – 17.00 *Tea Break*
- 17.00 – 19 :00 **XIV. Agreement and Commitments**
Objectives: Identification of policy issues and establishment of CSM working groups for 2011/12; Summary of positions & plans for CFS 37th Session, including the establishment of a Coordination Group; Summary of CSM plans for 2011/12